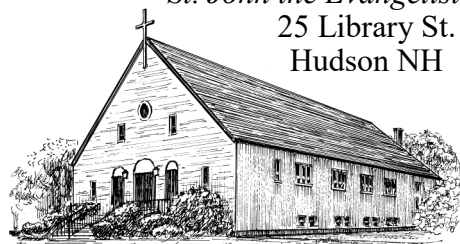


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese Mass—IJ
Sunday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
	10:30 AM	IJ Church

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Want to learn more or donate
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2024 NHCA video and donate.



OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry	603-883-6048
Corpus Christi Food Pantry:	603-882-6372
NH Catholic Charities:	603-889-9431



Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 20
SJE 4:00 PM	Rose & James Doyle by the family
IJ 6:00 PM	Doris Lancourt by The Ladies of Ste. Anne Mass in Portuguese
IJ 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday	April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter
SJE 8:30 AM	Richard Shanholtz by the family
IJ 10:30 AM	Darcie Dumont 1st Ann. by Dan & Ginny Dumont
Tuesday	April 23
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Wednesday	April 24
SJE 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Thursday	April 25
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Friday	April 26
SJE 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Saturday	April 27
SJE 4:00 PM	Norman Dumais by Venette Theriault & family Beatrice Lapierre by The Ladies of Ste. Anne Mass in Portuguese
IJ 6:00 PM	Mass in Portuguese
IJ 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday	April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter
SJE 8:30 AM	Mary & George Doyle by the family
IJ 10:30 AM	Robert & Irene Houle by Joanne Charron

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The World Day of Prayer for vocations takes place this Sunday, April 21, 2024, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website www.usccb.org.



Weekly Readings April 22– April 28, 2024

- Monday** Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday** Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday** 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
- Friday** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday** Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ April 13 & 14 2024	
Adult Envelopes (33)	\$1,935.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (47)	\$690.00
Loose Cash	\$320.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,945.00
Debt Reduction	\$460.00
Fuel	\$300.00
Snpw Removal	\$200.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

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REFLECTION - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Each of us has that certain friend, relative or neighbor who is good at something that we're not. That ability could be about almost anything you can name. Baking a cake; building a deck; telling a story; driving an RV or flying a plane. It is these talents and abilities of others that make life better for us, even if we must fight off a little jealousy. But, when you add in your specialty, we have an expanded basis for gratitude, well past the fourth Thursday in November.

There is one Person who once came to live with us from a faraway place called heaven who had every possible talent and ability there could be: Our Lord Jesus. Even so, He put limits on Himself. Yes, He performed miracles. Yes, He rose from the dead. But in His teaching, He only told us what we needed to know; never to limit ourselves in becoming better; told us how to be better; and then invited us to live in His kingdom.

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus made bold to call Himself "The Good Shepherd." That title meant more to His contemporaries than it does to us, at least at first glance. Most of us know nothing about this humble and difficult way of life called shepherding. We have to "Google" it. We do know that shepherds raise and tend to sheep.

When Jesus called Himself the "Good" Shepherd that word in John's gospel meant more than "good at" some task or other. It meant "noble" or "ideal" shepherd. That declared that Jesus was not like the bad shepherds who neglected their flocks and let them become victims of wolves. In fact, Jesus gave His life for His sheep, who, in this context are namely you and me.

The good news is that we are always part of His flock if we want to be. We will receive His attention, His care, His love. Of course, that word "if" makes all the difference. We can reject Him. Write Him off our list of priorities if you will. This happens to otherwise faithful sheep, particularly when inclusion in His flock, or loyalty to Him involves pain and difficulty.

In our society, with its upside-down value system, that pain may be no more than embarrassment at being known as His follower. Yet every crucifix, large or small, is a vivid reminder of how much He loves us and will not hold back His love if we repent. Like a good shepherd, He feeds His flock with the finest of foods, namely the Holy Eucharist. Boy is our Shepherd good at loving us, is He not? How are we at loving Him back?

Even a four-year-old little girl knows the coldness implied when we make no return to God. Her mother watched her one day hugging a doll in each of her pudgy little arms. After a few minutes, she wistfully looked up at her mother and said, "Mama, I love them and love them and love them, but they never love me back."

Well...God love you and may you always love Him back
Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise needs babysitters on Monday and Tuesday evenings to watch kids while the parents take their classes. They also need weekend and evening "hosts" to answer the door, accept donations, and help residents unlock the cleaning and supply closets. For more information or to volunteer call Matthew Hodgkiss at 603- 883-7338, ext. 3, or by email at matthew.hodgkiss@familypromisesnh.org

2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

The weekend of April 27 & 28 begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, One Bread, One Body (NHCA), an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, our parish along with the other 87 parishes raised more than \$3.8M. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last year. The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through Parable magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

One goal of Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is to prevent homelessness. Some of our clients are the working poor that struggle, on a weekly basis, to make ends meet, especially with the current rising cost of everyday items such as food and gasoline. To prevent evictions, the Assistance Program works with the client to help pay the rent, to prevent evictions. This act helps to bring stability to a family, especially with school-age children. Thank you for your support in helping to prevent homelessness.

POP-UP PANTRIES - FREE FOOD

Announcing the "warm weather schedule" for Pop-Up Pantries! Free food is available on weekdays at Pop-Up Pantries around Nashua. They take place at 11am at Harbor Care, 45 High Street (Mondays), Major Drive, 101 Major Drive (Tuesdays), Lamprey Health Care, 22 Prospect Street (Wednesdays), River Pines Mobile Home Park, 34 Birch River Trail (Thursdays), Sullivan Terrace, 56 Tyler Street (Fridays). These Pop-Up Pantries are organized by United Way of Greater Nashua with food provided by Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. This "warm weather schedule" will run from April 22 to November 1. For more information contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011.

Thank you for your generosity and support of United Way's ongoing efforts to strengthen our community. For more information contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011

UNITED WAY - TALK ON TRANSIT APRIL 24TH

Join United Way of Greater Nashua at the Nashua Public Library on April 24 at 2:00 PM for a talk on free and low-cost transportation options in Nashua presented by the Regional Coordination Council for Community Transportation, Nashua Regional Planning Commission, Nashua Transit (city busses), and The Caregivers. Discover a range of transportation services tailored to Nashua residents' needs, from accessible transit solutions to cost-saving options. Don't miss this chance to enhance your mobility and quality of life. Registration for the event is now open. Interested individuals can secure their spot by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/Transit-Nashua>. For more information, please contact United Way of Greater Nashua at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603) 882-4011.