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INFANT JESUS

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SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2025

Very Rev. Robert Glasgow, V.F.
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Rev. Ethelbert Orabuche
Priest Associate

Rev. Leandro Cardoso
Brazilian Ministry

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Parish Secretary | (603) 882-2462

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 PM St John Evangelist
Saturday, 6:00 PM Infant Jesus
Saturday, 7:30 PM (Brazilian) Infant Jesus
Sunday, 8:30 AM St John Evangelist
Sunday, 10:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Tue/Thu), 8:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Wed/Fri), 8:30 AM St John Evangelist

CONFESSION

Saturday, 3:30 PM St John Evangelist
And after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered on request.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office

TO LIVE FOR GOD

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. —Jer 29:11

The excerpt below is from Part IV, Chapter V of the Fioretti [Lt., "Little Flowers" of St Francis] entitled "Certain Instructions and Notable Sayings of Brother Giles" (d. 1262). Brother Giles was the third and longest-lived (he died aged 72) early disciple of St Francis of Assisi (d. 1226). His sermons—short, pithy counsels on Christian perfection applicable to all classes of people—were filled with homely wisdom. He never minced words, but spoke to all with apostolic zeal.

HE WHO with steadfast humility and patience endureth tribulations for the fervent love of God, shall soon attain to great graces and virtues; he shall be lord of this world, and shall have an earnest of that glorious world which is to come.

Everything which a man doth, be it good or evil, he doeth it unto himself. Therefore, be not thou offended with him who injures thee, but rather, in humble patience, sorrow only for his sin, having compassion on him, and praying fervently for him to God. For, in so far as a man is strong to suffer and endure injuries and tribulations patiently for the love of God, so great, and no greater, is he before God; and the weaker a man is to endure sufferings and adversities for the love of God, the less is he in the sight of God.

If any man praise thee, speaking well of thee, render thou that praise unto God alone; and if any man reproach thee, speaking evil of thee, do thou help him by speaking of thyself still worse.

If thou wouldst maintain thine own cause, strive to make it appear evil, and maintain that of thy companion



FRANCISCAN MARTYRS
IN JAPAN [detail]
by Carreno de Miranda (d. 1685)

good, ever accusing thyself and sincerely excusing thy neighbor. When anyone strives and contends with thee, if thou wouldst conquer, lose thy case, and losing it thou shalt conquer; for if thou wilt go to law to obtain the victory, when thou believest thou hast obtained it, thou shalt find thyself shamefully defeated. Wherefore, my brother, believe me assuredly that the certain way to gain is to lose. But if we endure not tribulation well, we shall never attain to consolation eternal. It is a meritorious thing and far more blessed to endure injuries and reproaches patiently, without murmuring, for the love of God, than to feed a hundred poor men, or to keep a perpetual fast. But what profits it a man, or how does it benefit him, to afflict his body with many fasts, vigils and disciplines, if he cannot endure a little injury from his neighbor? And yet from this might he derive greater reward and higher merit than from all the sufferings he could inflict upon himself of his own will; for to endure reproaches and injuries from our neighbor with humble and uncomplaining patience, will purge away our sins more speedily than they could be by a fountain of many tears.

Blessed is the man who has ever before the eyes of his mind the remembrance of his sins and of the favors of God; for he will endure with patience all tribulations and adversities for which he expects so great consolation. The man who is truly humble looketh for no reward from God, but endeavors only to satisfy him in all things, knowing himself to be his debtor; every good thing which he hath he acknowledges to come from the free bounty of God, while every evil that befalleth him proceedeth from his sins alone.

A friar once said to Brother Giles: "Father, what shall we do if some great adversity or tribulation befall us in these times?" To whom Brother Giles replied: "My brother, I would have thee to know, that if we be such as we ought to be, though the Lord should rain down stones and lightening from heaven, they could not harm or injure us; because, if a man be in truth such as he ought to be, every evil and tribulation will be turned to his good; for we know how the Apostle saith, that all things shall be turned to good for them that love God; and in like manner all things shall turn to the condemnation and punishment of the man of evil will.

"If thou wouldst be saved and attain to eternal glory, desire not revenge, nor punishment of any creature; for the inheritance of the saints is ever to do good and to receive evil. If thou didst but know, indeed, how much and how grievously thou hast offended thy Creator, thou wouldst know that it is meet and right that all creatures should persecute thee, inflicting pain and sorrow upon thee, that so the offenses which thou hast offered to their Creator might be avenged.

"It is great and high virtue for a man to overcome himself; for he who overcometh himself shall overcome all his enemies and persevere in all good. But still greater virtue would it be if a man suffer himself to be overcome by all other men, for thus would he become victor over all his enemies, to wit, sin, the devil, the world and his own flesh. If thou wilt be saved, renounce and despise every consolation which all the things of this world and all mortal creatures can give thee, because greater and more frequent are the falls which arise from prosperity and consolation

than those which come from adversity and tribulation."

A certain Religious once complained of his superior in the presence of Brother Giles, because of a severe obedience which he had received from him; to whom Brother Giles made answer: "Dearest brother, the more thou complainest, the heavier dost thou make thy burden, and the harder will it be to carry; but the more humbly and devoutly thou submittest thy neck to the yoke of holy obedience, the sweeter and the lighter will that yoke be to bear. But it seems to me that thou art not willing to bear reproach in this world for the love of Christ, and yet desirest in the next world to be with Christ; thou art not willing in this world to be persecuted and evil spoken of for Christ, yet in the other world thou wouldst fain be blessed and welcomed by Christ; thou willest not to labor in this world, and thou wouldst repose and take thy rest in the other. Brother, brother! I tell thee that thou dost grievously deceive thyself, for it is by the way of shame, humiliation and reproach that a man attaineth to true celestial glory; and by patiently enduring derision and contumely for the love of Christ, doth a man attain to the glory of Christ. For the worldly proverb saith well: 'He who gives not what costs him something, shall not receive that which he desires.'

"The horse is a noble and useful creature; for in his swiftest course he suffers himself to be ruled, guided, and turned hither and thither, backwards and forwards, according to the will of the rider; so likewise should it be with the servant of God, who should suffer himself to be ruled, guided, turned and bent, according to the will of his superior; nay, of all others, for the love of Christ.

"If thou wilt be perfect, strive earnestly to be virtuous and gracious, fighting valiantly against all vices, and bearing patiently all adversities, for the love of thy Lord, who was troubled, afflicted, reproached, beaten, crucified and slain for thy love, and not for his own fault, nor for his own glory, nor for his own profit, but only for thy salvation. And to the end that thou mayest do this which I say, it is needful above all that thou overcome thyself; for little will it profit thee to lead and draw other souls to God, if thou be not first drawn and led to him thyself."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Feb 2, Sunday — 4th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM | Sunday Mass (SJE)

10:30 AM | Sunday Mass (IJ)

Feb 3, Monday: Office Hours (8:00 AM-2:00 PM)

Feb 4, Tuesday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Feb 5, Wednesday — St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Feb 6, Thursday — St Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Feb 7, Friday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Feb 8, Saturday

4:00 PM | Sunday Mass (SJE)

6:00 PM | Sunday Mass (IJ)
7:30 PM | Sunday Mass (Brazilian)

OFFERING

19 Jan (2nd Sunday Ordinary Time): \$1,861.00
26 Jan (3rd Sunday Ordinary Time): \$1,308.00
Feb Rental Income (Hudson): \$2,520.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 9, Sun 10:30 AM (IJ) Robert G. Blanchette + all
deceased members of the
Beaulieu & Blanchette Families

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GriefShare

Grieving the **death**
of a loved one?

13 SESSIONS

Join us at any time in the series

WHEN:

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM
Starting February 19

WHERE:

St John Neumann Hall
708 Milford Rd., Merrimack
Contact: Deacon Brian Lester,
deacon@sjnnh.org

Catholic Charities New Hampshire's
February 22nd "MARDI GRAS GALA"

The MARDI GRAS GALA—Catholic Charities NH's signature fundraising event of the year—returns to Manchester on February 22nd! The evening will feature a festive New Orleans experience with authentic Cajun cuisine, entertainment, a live auction with exclusive getaways and sports tickets, and more.

Attendees help us continue our mission to follow the footsteps of Jesus, bringing comfort, healing and empowerment to our neighbors most in need. To register or for more information:

visit: www.cc-nh.org/mardigras

—or—

call: Becca @ (603) 663-0207

TAX NOTICE

If you would like a statement of your 2024 contributions to the parish, please fill out the **CONTRIBUTIONS REQUEST CARD** (located in the back of the church) and place it in the collection basket. You can also request a statement by emailing us your:

- Name
- Address
- Phone #
- Envelope #

Statements will go out in February. Your financial support is very much appreciated!

NOTES

1. The parish would like to establish a **PRAYER LINE**. Should you know of anyone in need of prayer, please submit their name (First Name only) by way of email or by calling the office, and we will list them in the bulletin asking the entire parish to lift them up in prayer.
2. To request a **MASS INTENTION**, please visit the St John XXIII office on Mondays, or call (603) 880-4689 (St John Neumann). Mass Intention Cards are available upon request.
3. If you would be willing to serve as a **COUNTER**, please let Father know. We've had to reorganize our count of the Sunday offering in order to comply with diocesan guidelines. The count needs to be on Mondays (or Tuesday in case of a holiday).
4. We're making an effort to restart two parish ministries: **LECTOR** and **GREETER**. If you would be willing to serve, please submit your name, ministry, contact information, and Mass(es) you would want to serve at. Clipboards are in the back of both churches.

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#WHATSMYNAME

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