



Saint John XXIII Parish

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 9, 2025

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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

CONFESION

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

INFANT JESUS
121 Allds St, Nashua

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
25 Library St, Hudson

PURITY OF HEART

So turn from youthful desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord with purity of heart. —2 Tim 2:22

The excerpt below is from St Thomas Aquinas' (d. 1274) *Summa Theologiae* (Q153). Following St Gregory the Great (d. 604), St Thomas lists eight "DAUGHTERS [effects] OF LUST": 1 blindness of mind, 2 thoughtlessness, 3 rashness, 4 inconstancy, 5 love of self, 6 hatred for God, 7 worldliness, and 8 dread of a future life. Lust is listed with the capital sins because many other sins flow from it as from their source. If a person invites lust into his heart, the daughters of lust will soon follow and nest deep within it. The consequences are dire, as Our Lady of Fatima proclaimed, "More souls go to Hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason."

OBJECTION 1. It would seem that the DAUGHTERS OF LUST are unfittingly reckoned to be "blindness of mind, thoughtlessness, inconstancy, rashness, self-love, hatred of God, love of this world and abhorrence or despair of a future world." For mental blindness, thoughtlessness and rashness pertain to imprudence, which is to be found in every sin, even as prudence is in every virtue. Therefore they should not be reckoned especially as daughters of lust.

OBJECTION 2. Further, constancy is reckoned a part of fortitude, as stated above (Article 128, Reply to Objection 6; II-II:137:3). But lust is contrary, not to fortitude but to temperance. Therefore inconstancy is not a daughter of lust.

OBJECTION 3. Further, "Self-love extending to the contempt of God" is the origin of every sin, as Augustine says. Therefore it should not be accounted a daughter of lust.

OBJECTION 4. Further, Isidore mentions four, namely, "obscene," "scurrilous," "wanton" and "foolish talking." There the aforesaid enumeration would seem to be superfluous.

ON THE CONTRARY, stands the authority of Gregory (Moral. xxxi, 45).

I ANSWER THAT, When the lower powers are strongly moved towards their objects, the result is that the higher powers are hindered and disordered in their acts. Now the effect of the vice of lust is that the lower appetite, namely the concupiscent, is most vehemently intent on its object, to wit, the object of pleasure, on account of the vehemence of the pleasure. Consequently the higher powers, namely

the reason and the will, are most grievously disordered by lust.

Now the reason has four acts in matters of action:

First there is simple understanding, which apprehends some end as good, and this act is hindered by lust, according to Daniel 13:56, "*Beauty hath deceived thee, and lust hath perverted thy heart.*" On this respect we have "blindness of mind."

The second act is counsel about what is to be done for the sake of the end: and this is also hindered by the concupiscence of lust. Hence Terence says, speaking of lecherous love: "This thing admits of neither counsel nor moderation, thou canst not control it by counseling." On this respect there is "rashness," which denotes absence of counsel, as stated above (II-II:53:3).

The third act is judgment about the things to be done, and this again is hindered by lust. For it is said of the lustful old men (Daniel 13:9): "They perverted their own mind ... that they might not ... remember just judgments." On this respect there is "thoughtlessness."

The fourth act is the reason's command about the thing to be done, and this also is impeded by lust, in so far as through being carried away by concupiscence, a man is hindered from doing what his reason ordered to be done. Hence Terence says (Eunuch., act 1, sc. 1) of a man who declared that he would leave his mistress: "One little false tear will undo those words."

On the part of the will there results a twofold inordinate act. One is the desire for the end, to which we refer "self-love," which regards the pleasure which a man desires inordinately, while on the other hand there is "hatred of God," by reason of His forbidding the desired pleasure. The other act is the desire for the things directed to the end. With regard to this there is "love of this world," whose pleasures a man desires to enjoy, while on the other hand there is "despair of a future world," because through being held back by carnal pleasures he cares not to obtain spiritual pleasures, since they are distasteful to him.

REPLY TO OBJECTION 1. According to the Philosopher [Aristotle] (Ethic. vi, 5), intemperance is the chief corruptive of prudence: wherefore the vices opposed to prudence arise chiefly from lust, which is the principal species of intemperance.

REPLY TO OBJECTION 2. The constancy which is a part of fortitude regards hardships and objects of fear; but constancy in refraining from pleasures pertains to continence which is a part of temperance, as stated above (II-II:143). Hence the inconstancy which is opposed thereto is to be reckoned a daughter of lust. Nevertheless even the first named inconstancy arises from lust, inasmuch as the latter enfeebles a man's heart and renders it effeminate, according to Hosea 4:11, "*Fornication and wine and*

drunkenness take away the heart that the less a man knows of the pleasures of life, the less he fears death." Nor is there any need, as we have repeatedly stated, for the daughters of a capital vice to agree with it in matter (cf. II-II:35:4 ad 2; II-II:118:8 ad 1; II-II:148:6).

REPLY TO OBJECTION 3. Self-love in respect of any goods that a man desires for himself is the common origin of all sins; but in the special point of desiring carnal pleasures for oneself, it is reckoned a daughter of lust.

REPLY TO OBJECTION 4. The sins mentioned by Isidore are inordinate external acts, pertaining in the main to speech; wherein there is a fourfold inordinateness.

First, on account of the matter, and to this we refer "obscene words": for since "*out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh*" (Matthew 12:34), the lustful man, whose heart is full of lewd concupiscences, readily breaks out into lewd words.

Secondly, on account of the cause: for, since lust causes thoughtlessness and rashness, the result is that it makes a man speak without weighing or giving a thought to his words. which are described as "scurrilous."

Thirdly, on account of the end: for since the lustful man seeks pleasure, he directs his speech thereto, and so gives utterance to "wanton words."

Fourthly, on account of the sentiments expressed by his words, for through causing blindness of mind, lust perverts a man's sentiments, and so he gives way "to foolish talking," for instance, by expressing a preference for the pleasures he desires to anything else.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Feb 9, Sunday — 5th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM | Sunday Mass (SJE)
10:30 AM | Sunday Mass (IJ)

Feb 10, Monday: Office Hours (8:00 AM-12:00 PM)
— St Scholastica, Virgin

Feb 11, Tuesday — Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Feb 12, Wednesday
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Feb 13, Thursday

Martyrs
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Feb 14, Friday — St Cyril and St Methodius
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Feb 15, Saturday
4:00 PM | Sunday Mass (SJE)
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass (IJ)
7:30 PM | Sunday Mass (Brazilian)

OFFERING

2 Feb (4th Sunday Ordinary Time): \$1,783
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MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 9, Sun	10:30 AM (II)	Robert G. Blanchette & all deceased members of the Beaulieu& Blanchette Families
Feb 15, Sat	4:00 PM (SJE)	George & Mary Doyle (req. by Leona Shanholtz)
Feb 16, Sun	8:30 AM (SJE) 10:30 AM (II)	Mary E. Doyle (req. by Leona Shanholtz) George & Evangeline Nadeau

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

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WHEN:

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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

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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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