



Saint John XXIII Parish

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 16, 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

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

INFANT JESUS
121 Allds St, Nashua

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
25 Library St, Hudson

THE LEAVEN OF FAMILY

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
—Rom 12:9

The excerpt below is from Pope Benedict XVI's 14 May 2009 homily at the Mount of Precipice [Nazareth] marking the end of the Year of the Family.

DEAR Brothers and Sisters, "May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in your hearts, for as members of the one body you have been called to that peace!" (Col 3:15). With these words of the Apostle Paul, I greet all of you with affection in the Lord. I rejoice to have come to Nazareth, the place blessed by the mystery of the Annunciation, the place which witnessed the hidden years of Christ's growth in wisdom, age and grace (cf. Lk 2:52).

Here in the home town of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we have gathered to mark the conclusion of the Year of the Family celebrated by the Church in the Holy Land. This stage of my pilgrimage, I am confident, will draw the whole Church's attention to this town of Nazareth.

All of us need, as Pope Paul VI said here, to return to Nazareth, to contemplate ever anew the silence and love of the Holy Family, the model of all Christian family life.



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AS A CHILD



THE YOUNG CHRIST
AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (d. 1682)

Here, in the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, we come to appreciate even more fully the sacredness of the family, which in God's plan is based on the lifelong fidelity of a man and a woman consecrated by the marriage covenant and accepting of God's gift of new life. How much the men and women of our time need to reappropriate this fundamental truth, which stands at the foundation of society, and how important is the witness of married couples for the formation of sound consciences and the building of a civilization of love!

In today's first reading, drawn from the book of Sirach (3:3-7, 14-17), the word of God presents the family as the first school of wisdom, a school which trains its members in the practice of those virtues which make for authentic happiness and lasting fulfilment. In God's plan for the family, the love of husband and wife bears fruit in new life, and finds daily expression in the loving efforts of parents to ensure an integral human and spiritual formation for their children. In the family each person, whether the smallest child or the oldest relative, is valued for himself or herself, and not seen simply as a means to some other end. Here we begin to glimpse something of the essential role of the family as the first building-block of a well-ordered and welcoming society. We also come to appreciate, within the wider community, the duty of the State to support families in their mission of education, to protect the institution of the family and its inherent rights, and to ensure that all families can live and flourish in conditions of dignity.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Colossians, speaks instinctively of the family when he wishes to illustrate the virtues which build up the "one body" which is the Church. As "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved", we are called to live in harmony and peace with one another, showing above all forbearance and forgiveness, with love as the highest bond of perfection (cf. Col 3:12-14). Just as in the marriage covenant, the love of man and woman is raised by grace to become a sharing in, and an expression of, the love of Christ and the Church (cf. Eph 5:32), so too the family, grounded in that love, is called to be a "domestic church", a place of faith, of prayer and of loving concern for the true and enduring good of each of its members.

As we reflect on these realities here, in the town of the Annunciation, our thoughts naturally turn to Mary, "full of grace", the mother of the Holy Family and our Mother. Nazareth reminds us of our need to acknowledge and respect the God-given dignity and proper role of women, as well as their particular charisms and talents. Whether as mothers in families, as a vital presence in the work force and the institutions of society, or in the particular vocation of following our Lord by the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience, women have an indispensable role in creating that "human ecology" (cf. *Centesimus Annus*, 39) which our world, and this land, so urgently needs: a milieu in which children learn to love and to cherish others, to be honest and respectful to all, to practice the virtues of mercy and forgiveness.

Here too, we think of Saint Joseph, the just man whom God wished to place over his household. From Joseph's strong and fatherly example Jesus learned the virtues of a manly piety, fidelity to one's word, integrity and hard

work. In the carpenter of Nazareth he saw how authority placed at the service of love is infinitely more fruitful than the power which seeks to dominate. How much our world needs the example, guidance and quiet strength of men like Joseph!

Finally, in contemplating the Holy Family of Nazareth, we turn to the child Jesus, who in the home of Mary and Joseph grew in wisdom and understanding, until the day he began his public ministry. Here I would simply like to leave a particular thought with the young people here. The Second Vatican Council teaches that children have a special role to play in the growth of their parents in holiness (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 48). I urge you to reflect on this, and to let the example of Jesus guide you, not only in showing respect for your parents, but also helping them to discover more fully the love which gives our lives their deepest meaning. In the Holy Family of Nazareth, it was Jesus who taught Mary and Joseph something of the greatness of the love of God his heavenly Father, the ultimate source of all love, the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name (cf. Eph 3:14-15).

Dear friends, in the Opening Prayer of today's Mass we asked the Father to "help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love". Let us reaffirm here our commitment to be a leaven of respect and love in the world around us. May our Lady of the Annunciation, who courageously opened her heart to God's mysterious plan, and became the Mother of all believers, guide and sustain us by her prayers. May she obtain for us and our families the grace to open our ears to that word of the Lord which has the power to build us up (cf. Acts 20:32), to inspire courageous decisions, and to guide our feet into the path of peace!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Feb 16, Sunday — 6th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM | Sunday Mass (SJE)

10:30 AM | Sunday Mass (IJ)

Feb 17, Monday: Office Hours (8:00 AM-12:00 PM)

Feb 18, Tuesday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Feb 19, Wednesday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Feb 20, Thursday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Feb 21, Friday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Feb 22, Saturday

4:00 PM | Sunday Mass (SJE)

6:00 PM | Sunday Mass (IJ)

7:30 PM | Sunday Mass (Brazilian)

OFFERING

9 Feb (5th Sunday Ordinary Time): \$2,551.00

Brazilian Community: \$2,240.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 15, Sat	4:00 PM (SJE)	George & Mary Doyle (req. by Leona Stanholtz)
Feb 16, Sun	8:30 AM (SJE)	Mary E. Doyle (req. by Leona Stanholtz)
	10:30 AM (II)	George & Evangeline Nadeau
Feb 22, Sat	4:00 PM (SJE)	Richard Stanholtz (req. by Leona Stanholtz)

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

WEATHER RELATED CLOSING

NOTE: We're now able to announce Mass delays and/or cancellations at WWW.WMUR.COM.

Grief & Share

Grieving the **death**
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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:

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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. 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.
2. 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).
3. 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. We'll post the schedules by next weekend.

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