



Saint John XXIII Parish

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EASTER SUNDAY
April 20, 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, 3:00 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

CHRISTUS VICTOR
[Lt., Christ the Victor]

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. —1 Cor 15:57

The excerpt below is from an Easter homily by Abp. Fulton J. Sheen (d. 1979). By Jesus' passion, death and resurrection—as he himself tells the two disciples on the way to Emmaus—he freed humanity from the bondage of sin and death: "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures." —Luke 24:26-27



THE DISCIPLES RUNNING TO THE SEPULCHRE
by Eugene Burnand (d. 1921)

VICTIMAE PASCHALI

CHRISTIANS, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless, reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, my Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!

Christ Turned Defeat into Victory

THE WORLD was wrong, and Christ was right. He who had the power to lay down His life had the power to take it up again. He who willed to be born, willed to die. And He who knew how to die knew also how to be reborn and to give to this poor tiny planet of ours an honor and a glory that flaming suns and jealous planets do not share: the glory of one forsaken grave.

The great lesson of Easter Day is that a Victor may be judged from a double point of view: that of the world and that of God. From the world's point of view, Christ failed on Good Friday. From God's point of view, Christ had

won. Those who put Him to death gave Him the very chance He required; those who closed the door of the sepulcher gave Him the very door that He desired to fling open; their seeming triumph led to His greatest victory.

Christmas told the story that Divinity is always where the world least expects to find it, for no one expected to see Divinity wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Easter repeats that Divinity is always where the world least expects to find it, for no one in the world expected that a defeated man would be a vic-tor, that the rejected cornerstone would be the head of the building, that the dead would walk, and that He who was ignored in a tomb should be our Resurrection and our Life.

Unroll the scrolls of time, and see how the lesson of that first Easter is repeated as each new Easter tells the story of the great Captain, who found His way out of the grave and revealed that lasting victory must always mean defeat in the eyes of the world. At least a dozen times in her life of twenty centuries, the world in the first flush of its momentary triumph sealed the tomb of the Church, set her watch and left her as a dead, breathless, and defeated thing, only to see her rising from the grave and walking in the victory of her new Easter morn.

In the first few centuries, thousands upon thousands of Christians crimsoned the sands of the Coliseum with their blood in testimony to their Faith. In the eyes of the world, Caesar was victor and the martyrs were defeated. Yet in that very generation, while pagan Rome with her brazen and golden trumpets pro-claimed to the four corners of the earth her victory over the defeated Christ—"Where there is Caesar, there is power"—there swept from out of the catacombs and deserted places, like their leader from the grave, the conquering army chanting its song of victory: "Wherever there is Christ, there is life."

Who today knows the names of Rome's executioners? But who does not know the names of Rome's martyrs? Who today recalls with pride the deeds of a Nero or a Diocletian? But who does not venerate the heroism and sanctity of an Agnes or a Cecilia? And so, on Easter Day, I sing, not the song of the victors, but of those who go down to defeat.

In a little city a few hours outside of Paris, a young girl hidden away in the shadow of the cloister was pouring out her prayerful life for Christ and, like her Master, going down to defeat in the eyes of the sinful world. Who does not know of the Little Flower, [St] Thérèse of Lisieux? She who was defeated in the eyes of the world is the victor in the eyes of God, and so on Easter Day I sing, not the song of the victors, but of those who go down to defeat.

Finally the Easter lesson comes to our own lives. It has been suggested that it is better to go down to defeat in the eyes of the world by accepting the voice of conscience rather than to win the victory of a false public opinion; that it is better to go down to de-feat in the sanctity of the marriage bond than to win the passing victory of divorce; that it is better to go down to defeat in the fruit of love than to win the passing victory of a barren union; that it is better to go down to defeat in the love of the Cross than to win the passing victory of a world that crucifies. And now it is suggested in conclusion that it is better to go down to

defeat in the eyes of the world by giving to God that which is wholly and totally ours.

God Desires Our Will

If we give God our energy, we give Him back His own gift. If we give Him our talents, our joys, and our possessions, we return to Him that which He placed into our hands, not as owners, but as mere trustees. There is only one thing in the world that we can call our own. There is only one thing we can give to God that is ours as against His, which not even He will take away, and that is our own will, with its power to choose the object of its love.

Hence, the most perfect gift we can give to God is the gift of our will. The giving of that gift to God is the greatest defeat that we can suffer in the eyes of the world, but it is the greatest victory we can win in the eyes of God. In surrendering it, we seem to lose everything, yet defeat is the seed of victory, as the diamond is the child of night. The giving of our will is the recovery of all our will ever sought: the perfect Life, the perfect Truth, and the perfect Love which is God! And so on Easter Day, sing, not the song of the victors, but of those who go down to defeat.

What care we if the road of this life is steep, if the poverty of Bethlehem, the loneliness of Galilee, and the sorrow of the Cross are ours? Fighting under the holy inspiration of One who has conquered the world, why should we shrink from letting the broad stroke of our challenge ring out on the shield of the world's hypocrisy? Why should we be afraid to draw the sword and let its first stroke be the slaying of our own selfishness?

Marching under the leadership of the Captain of the Five Scars, fortified by His sacraments, strengthened by His infallible truth, divinized by His redemptive love, we need never fear the outcome of the battle of life. We need never doubt the issue of the only struggle that matters. We need never ask whether we will win or lose. Why, we have already won—only the news has not yet leaked out!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Apr 20 Sunday — OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:30 AM | Sunday Mass (SJE)

10:30 AM | Sunday Mass (IJ) + Adoration

Apr 21, Easter Monday: Office Hours (8:00 AM-12:00 PM)

Apr 22, Easter Tuesday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Apr 23, Easter Wednesday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Apr 24, Easter Thursday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Apr 25, Easter Friday

8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Apr 26, Easter Saturday

4:00 PM | Anticipatory Mass (SJE)

5:00 PM | Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

6:00 PM | Anticipatory Mass (IJ)

Apr 27, Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 AM | Sunday Mass (SJE)

10:30 AM | Sunday Mass (IJ)

OFFERING

6 Apr '25 (5th Sunday of Lent): \$10,484.00

13 Apr '25 (Palm Sunday):

not available at press time.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 20, Sun	8:30 AM (SJE)	Jackie Kendall - 1st Anniv. (req. by family)
Apr 26, Sat	4:00 PM (SJE)	Norman Dumais (req. by wife & family)
Apr 27, Sun	8:30 AM (SJE) 10:30 AM (IJ)	Walter Doyle (req. by friend) 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

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE 2025



Revive. Ignite. Transform.

Bishop Libasci invites everyone to participate in a special NEW HAMPSHIRE EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE during the JUBILEE YEAR. For 33 days, from May 18 through June 19, 2025, our Eucharistic Lord will be prayerfully

processed throughout the Diocese—which encompasses the entire State of New Hampshire—stopping at every parish and Catholic school.

Inspired by their journey of 1,200 miles to Indianapolis during the National Eucharistic Revival in July of 2024, the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love organized this pilgrimage in partnership with Bishop Libasci and Diocesan staff to bring a similar experience to our local communities. Their careful consultation with other dioceses and commitment to spreading love and zeal for the Eucharist has resulted in a detailed logistical plan. It will provide the faithful with an opportunity to participate in their home parishes and schools with Eucharistic events such as Mass, adoration and public procession.

The NEW HAMPSHIRE EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE will kick off on Sunday, May 18 at the 10:30 AM Mass at Saint Joseph Cathedral and

will end there on Thursday, June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi. The pilgrimage will visit the Diocese's 89 parishes and 26 schools.

"Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia"

Catholic Charities NH Online Dementia Support Group. Are you caring for a loved one with dementia or memory loss? Catholic Charities NH is here to support you with our upcoming "Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia" online support group. This five-week series, starting on Thursday, May 22, offers a compassionate environment where you can gather valuable insights about dementia care, discover practical tools to improve your loved one's quality of life, and connect with others facing similar challenges. There is no cost to attend. For more details or to sign up, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia, call Louise at 603-752-1325, ext. 4573, or email lmorneau@nh-cc.org.

NOTES

- The Eucharistic Pilgrimage will arrive at St John XXIII (Infant Jesus) on May 29 (Thursday) on/about 1:00 PM and depart by 8:00 AM the following morning after an early Mass.
- We want to organize an all-night vigil before the Processional Monstrance in our newly-installed Adoration Chapel. More to follow.
- We've been asked to provide a meal for 20+ members of the Processional Team the evening of the 29th. Six members will lodge overnight at the Infant Jesus rectory.

"O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, A second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came. O wisest love! That flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail Should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail. And that a higher gift than grace should flesh and blood refine: God's presence and His very self essence all-divine."

—St John Henry Cardinal Newman (d. 1890)

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