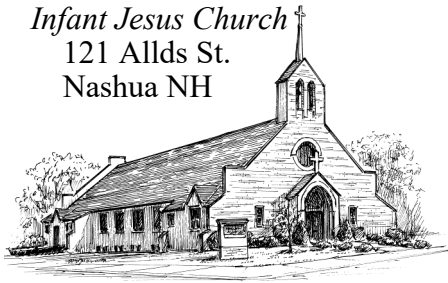


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
25 Library St.  
Hudson NH



Whoever does not accept  
the kingdom of God like a  
child will not enter it

Mark 10:15



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## Saint John XXIII Parish

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### *Clergy:*

Rev. George Mattathilani, Pastor ext. 5

Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry)

Rev. Ethelbert Orabuche (hospital chaplain in residence)

### *Religious Education:*

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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

## OUTREACH

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday</u>	<b>October 4</b>
<b>SJE</b> 4:00 PM	Connie Bolton by her family
<b>IJ</b> 6:00 PM	Roger & Gertrude Asselin by their family
<b>IJ</b> 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>	<b>Oct. 5 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	John Casey by the family
<b>IJ</b> 10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne by Lori & Doug Fowler
<u>Tuesday</u>	<b>October 8</b>
<b>IJ</b> 8:30 AM	Lucille L'Heureux by Donna
<u>Wednesday</u>	<b>October 9</b>
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Mary Anna Ferrozi by Rose Houseman
<u>Thursday</u>	<b>October 10</b>
<b>IJ</b> 8:30 AM	Ethan Kole Ketchum by his family
<u>Friday</u>	<b>October 11</b>
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Mary Doyle by the family
<u>Saturday</u>	<b>October 12</b>
<b>SJE</b> 4:00 PM	Charles Malone by Sandy
<b>IJ</b> 6:00 PM	Lucille Prince by the Ladies of Ste. Anne
<b>IJ</b> 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>	<b>Oct. 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Nora Craig by Donna
<b>IJ</b> 10:30 AM	Domenic Cardinale by his family

**NEW: 2025 MASS BOOK**

To make a Mass request you may call the parish office (603-882-2462 ext. 4), place your Mass Intention in an envelope marked "Mass Intention" and place it in the offertory basket or stop by the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10.

**LISTENING SESSIONS WITH MARIE-LINE MORIN**

Listening to Christ's Words within and more with Dr. Marie-Line Morin who, through reflection and prayer on the 7 miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John, helps us to grow in communion with God and others as we listen to His words within us. Saturdays 10/12 to 11/23 – 10 am to NOON at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Rd, Salem NH. Please call to register: (603) 893-8661 (office)



**Weekly Readings Oct. 7 – Oct. 13, 2024**

**Monday** Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 and 10C Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday** Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15 Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday** Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday** Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday** Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday** Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ September 28 & 29, 2024	
<b>Adult Envelopes (45)</b>	<b>\$1,809.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (44)</b>	<b>\$610.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$498.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$2,917.00</b>
<b>World Mission</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	



## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTION - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If I write or say the word “convention” at this time you can’t be blamed for conjuring up images of noisy political gatherings two of which we just lived through in this presidential election year. But there is another, less often used version of the word, in the sense of “an established custom. It is something that is generally accepted, something that members of society can agree on. Conventions usually develop because they are useful in some way, but after a time they often become restrictive and oppressive.

Such is the case with religious history. There has been a persistent thread of what we could call “puritanism” throughout. It has had names like “Gnosticism and Dualism.” These lead to the idea that the whole purpose in life is to escape from matter, especially sexuality, which ties us down to the material. It is essential for us to know that authentic biblical Christianity, Catholicism for sure, is NOT puritanical.

Bluntly put, there is nothing evil about our bodies, or sex, or sexual longing, or the sexual act. All matter is basically good, because it is created by an all-good God. When Jesus is asked about marriage and divorce, He proposes the context and the ideal for sexual expression in a lifelong union of man and woman. He stresses that this is the divine plan.

That alone is a direct contradiction of what our present-day culture holds as a “convention.” Sex and sexual expression are to be indulged in whenever the impulse strikes, with no acknowledgment of a divine plan. It can be engaged in with a same-sex partner as well as one of the opposite sex. It does not require any approval by an outside source, namely the Church and State. Nor is it to be understood as a holy calling endorsed by the Holy Spirit and one of the seven holy sacraments.

Obviously, with such a widespread “convention” accepted by the majority, one will be held in contempt for holding the opposite. As a result, our Christian belief is made a fit subject for mockery.

The ideal of lifelong marital union clashes with the sad reality of divorce. Our Church understands this and works to help those who may be “trapped,” as it were, in a certain marital relationship. While bound to Christ’s teaching, she may be able to find reasons for such unions not having been sacramental from the start, and she can annul them. But such annulments are not “Catholic divorce.”

Meanwhile, it is incumbent on the older married generation to make sure that the younger generation understands the seriousness of preparing to take marriage vows, all the while setting an example of how to keep them over time. That is a very worthwhile “convention.”

Admittedly people living the marital vocation must face challenges. That’s part of our human condition. But we believers know that we do not face such challenges alone. Christ walks with all of us on our life’s journey. He promised as much... In this context, that is a Christian “convention.”

Here are two less serious but helpful quotes about marriage to end this reflection:

“Marriage is the union of a person who never remembers anniversaries with one who never forgets them.” -Ogden Nash, poet

“Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.” – Will Ferrel, comedian. *Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

### CAMP FATIMA & CAMP BERNADETTE ALUMNI

Camp Bernadette and Camp Fatima are rebuilding their alumni lists. If you were a camper, staff member, or volunteer at either camp, please contact Andrew Thibault [andrew@bfcamp.com](mailto:andrew@bfcamp.com) to update your contact information

### THANK YOU FROM CORPUS CHRISTI ASSISTANCE

Our Socks and Underwear program for school age children was a success once again this year! A special thanks to all the parish support that we received to make this possible. Our families were offered new socks and underwear for all their children and were extremely grateful. Over 230 children benefited from your generosity. God bless you all!

### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN FALL EVENT

The New Hampshire Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join us for our Fall 2024 event: Preparing for Jubilee 2025: Serving as Pilgrims of Hope, with guest speaker Rev. Andrew Nelson, on Saturday, October 19, 9AM-2PM at the St. André Bessette Parish Hall in Laconia. The cost is \$20 per person and a continental breakfast and lunch are included. Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/nhdccw-Fall-2024>. Questions? Contact Marie Becklo at [mbecklo@rcbm.org](mailto:mbecklo@rcbm.org) or 603-663-0108

### LIVING WITH MEMORY LOSS

On Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. The Parish of the Resurrection, 449 Broad Street Nashua, presents Krissy Wuereman, Director of That Place You Know in Hollis. Krissy will present on the Validation Method. The Validation Method is a proven method of communication that helps improve the relationship between caregivers and older adults living with memory loss. Please contact the parish office (603-882-0925 or [rezparish@comcast.net](mailto:rezparish@comcast.net)) for more information or to let us know you’ll be joining us.

### PARISH MISSION WITH MICHAEL GORMLEY

October 20-22, from 7pm to 8:30pm each night at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH. Michael Gormley has been leading evangelization and ministry efforts for the past 17 years. He has his Undergraduate Degrees in both Philosophy and Theology and a master’s in theology and Christian Ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He currently serves as the Mission Evangelist for Paradisus Dei, a ministry dedicated to helping men, couples, and families discover the superabundance of God. Michael is also the founder and creative director of LayEvangelist.com, and the co-host to two successful Catholic podcasts: Catching Foxes and Every Knee Shall Bow. For more information, please visit [iccnashuanh.org](http://iccnashuanh.org)

### GRIEFSHARE

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Griefshare. 14 sessions. Join anytime during the series. Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM starting September 11th at St. John Neumann Hall, 708 Milford Road, Merrimack, NH. Contact Deacon Brian Lester at [deacon@sjnnh.org](mailto:deacon@sjnnh.org) or <https://www.griefshare.org/> for information.

### 2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$11,880.00** toward our goal of **\$33,463.00**. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca) or scan the QR code on the right.

