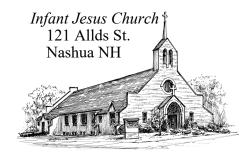
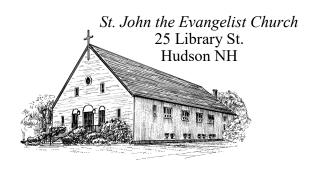
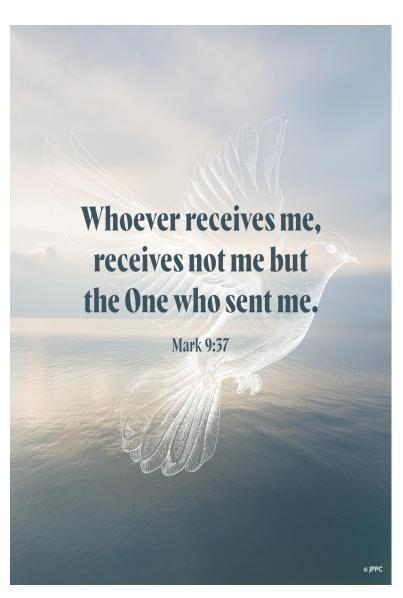
# Saint John XXIII Parish







## **OUTREACH**

Hudson Community Food Pantry
Corpus Christi Food Pantry:

NH Catholic Charities:

603-883-6048
603-882-6372
603-889-9431

# 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:

E-mail: Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org

# 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

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





# Weekly Readings Sept. 23 - Sept. 29, 2024

**Monday** Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Lk 8:16-18 **Tuesday** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lk 8:19 -21

**Wednesday** Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1

**Thursday** Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17BC Lk 9:7-9

**Friday** Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22 **Saturday** Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday** Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38 -43, 45, 47-48

# **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.

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ September 14 & 15, 2024			
Adult Envelopes (33)	\$980.00		
WeShare (Online Giving) (44)	\$610.00		
Loose Cash	\$341.00		
Offertory Total:	\$1,931.00		
Debt Reduction	\$30.00		
May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!			

#### REFLECTION - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let's pretend for a bit and project our times backward to the days of the Apostles before the resurrection where our gospel passage finds us. A young reporter named Rebekah for "Action News Jerusalem" is dispatched to interview ordinary people who have become followers of Jesus. Given a tip by Mordecai, the assignment editor, about a group of 12 who are currently in town, she asks a certain man named Thomas what the group is discussing at their meeting. Thomas shyly replies, "We're trying to decide which of us is the greatest?"

Rebekah replies, "Our sources tell us that's the kind of question that your Leader disdains. Isn't that true?" Just then the Leader Himself comes into camera range. Rebekah notes the man's good looks and regal bearing despite His drab clothes and asks him straight away "Sir, don't you dislike talk of privilege and position among your followers?" "Surely", He replies, in a voice that could enrapture any audience. These men are good people, but they have a lot to learn about My perspective on things."

He goes further. "Rebekah, may I call you that?" "Certainly," she says, "our viewers call me that, and we're anxious for your thoughts."

Jesus at this point calls a little boy over from a group playing tag. Putting His arms around the boy's shoulders, He looks into the camera while also addressing His young followers and says, "Look, guys, and those of you watching on TV or online right now, "If you really want to be first, you've got to choose the last place. And if you receive a child like this boy here in My Name, respecting His innocence and his not angling for a position, you will be really receiving Me. Or even better, you will be receiving the One, the Person I call "Father" or "Abba" (Daddy) who sent Me. And we will always have your back."

TV reporter Rebekah, taking back her mike, says into the camera, "Well, there you have it, everybody, an unexpected dropin conversation with the Man himself, Jesus of Nazareth. Now back to our studio. I'm Rebekkah in Jerusalem for Channel 144, Action News."

I trust that you here and now can see the major point of the gospel that I tried to dramatize. True greatness comes from acknowledging who we are in God's eyes, not the eyes of fellow human beings. Setting goals like climbing social or corporate ladders, wishing for fame and fortune, or flaunting our possessions is so much a pursuit of nonsense. As for so many other teachings in Christ's Church, humility is key. "The person with true humility never has to be shown his place; he is always in it."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

#### 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)

## 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 to update your contact information

## UNITED WAY "BUTTON UP" ENERGY WORKSHOP

United Way of Greater Nashua, in partnership with NHSaves, is excited to announce a free Button Up Workshop as part of our monthly "Coffee and Causes" series. This informative event will take place on Friday, October 4, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Amherst Town Library, 14 Main Street, Amherst, New Hampshire. Light refreshments will be served. The workshop will feature presentations by Andy Duncan, Energy Trainer, and Tim McDonald, Weatherization Director from Southern NH Services. Attendees will gain valuable insights into improving the energy efficiency of their homes, including tips on saving electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audits, weatherization programs, and available rebates on electric and gas appliances. Register at https://tinyurl.com/Oct2024-Coffee or by contacting United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)438-2173.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE DAY CAFÉ AT ST. PATRICK'S

St. Patrick's Parish in downtown Nashua is looking for volunteers for its community outreach called The Day Café. The Day Café operates Monday through Friday, from 7:00-9:30AM. The Parish Center opens its doors to all members of our community for fellowship, friendship, networking as well as coffee, beverages, and snacks. Some of our visitors are unhoused, struggling, and adjusting to Nashua. The opportunities include greeting, listening, pouring coffee, serving snacks, and cleaning up. We also need people who will enjoy playing cards with our friends. Even one 2.5 hour shift can make a difference. Contact St. Patrick Parish Office at 603-882-2262 for more information on this opportunity.

#### HAM & BEAN SUPPERS

The Main Street United Methodist Church, 154 Main Street, Nashua invites you to their "First Saturday of the Month Ham & Bean Suppers". The suppers take place on Saturday evenings, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Sliced Ham, Navy & Kidney Beans (vegetarian option available), Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Bread & Dessert. Assisted Buffet Style, all you can eat. The dates for the next couple of months are October 5th & November 2nd. Adults: \$15, Seniors: \$12, Veterans/Active Duty/First Responders: \$12, Ages 5 -12 Years: \$5, Under 5: Free For more information call (603) 882-3361

## **GRIEFSHARE**

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Griefshare. 14 sessions. Joine anytime during the series. Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM starting September11th at St. John Neumann Hall, 708 Milford Road, Merrimack, NH. Contact Deacon Brian Lester at 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

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