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INFANT JESUS
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SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 8, 2024

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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

ON CHARITY

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. —Heb 13:16

The first excerpt below is from the writings of St Vincent de Paul (d. 1660, priest), known as the Apostle of Charity for his exemplary charity/compassion for the poor. He would insist, "Serving the poor is to be our first preference!" The second excerpt, by way of example, is from The Life of St Frances of Rome (d. 1440, lay woman) by Sr. Mary Magdalene Anguillaria which speaks of the Saint's remarkable patience and charity.

EVEN though the poor are often rough and unrefined, we must not judge them from external appearances nor from the mental gifts they seem to have received. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will

observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor. Although in His Passion He almost lost the appearance of a man and was considered a fool by the Gentiles and a stumbling block by the Jews, He showed them that His mission was to preach to the poor: He sent Me to preach the good news to the poor. We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, support their cause.

Since Christ willed to be born poor, He chose for Himself disciples who were poor. He made Himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say that He would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against Himself. Since God surely loves the poor, He also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves. That is why we hope that



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

God will love us for the sake of the poor.

So when we visit the poor and needy, we try to be understanding where they are concerned. We sympathize with them so fully that we can echo Paul's words: I have become all things to all men. Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbors' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires medicine or other help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer. Do not become upset or feel guilty because you interrupted your prayer to serve the poor. God is not neglected if you leave him for such service. One of God's works is merely interrupted so that another can be carried out. So when you leave prayer to serve some poor person, remember that this very service is performed for God.

Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. Since she is a noble mistress, we must do whatever she commands. With renewed devotion, then, we must serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons.

GOD not only tested the patience of St Frances with respect to her material wealth, but, as I have said before and will reiterate, he also tested her own body in a variety of ways, especially through long and serious illnesses which she had to undergo. And yet no one ever observed in her a tendency toward impatience. She never exhibited any displeasure when she complied with an order, no matter how foolish.

Through the premature deaths of her sons whom she loved dearly, Frances proved her constancy. With peace of soul she always reconciled herself to the will of God and gave him thanks for all that happened. With the same constancy she endured the slander of those who abused and reviled her and her way of life. She did not show the least hint of aversion toward them, even though she knew that they judged her rashly and spoke falsely of her way of life. Rather, returning good for evil, she habitually prayed to God for them.

God had not chosen her to be holy merely for her own advantage. Rather, the gifts he conferred upon her were to be for the spiritual and physical advantage of her neighbor. For this reason he made her so lovable that anyone with whom she spoke would immediately feel captivated by love for her and ready to help her in everything she wanted. Divine power was present and working in her words, so that in a few sentences she could bring consolation to the afflicted and the anxious,

calm the restless, pacify the angry, reconcile enemies and extinguish long-standing hatreds and animosities. Again and again she would prevent a planned revenge from being carried out. She seemed able to subdue the passions of every type of person with a single word and lead them to do whatever she asked.

For this reason people flocked to Frances from all directions, as to a safe refuge. No one left her without being consoled, although she openly rebuked them for their sins and fearlessly reproved them for what was evil and displeasing to God.

Many different diseases were rampant in Rome. Fatal diseases and plagues were everywhere, but the saint ignored the risk of contagion and displayed the deepest kindness toward the poor and the needy. Here empathy would first bring them to atone for their sins. Then she would help them by her eager care, and urge them lovingly to accept their trials, however difficult, from the hand of God. She would encourage them to endure their sufferings for love of Christ, since he had previously endured so much for them.

Frances was not satisfied with caring for the sick she could bring into her home. She would seek them out in their cottages and in public hospitals, and would refresh their thirst, smooth their beds, and bind their sores. The more disgusting and sickening the stench, the greater was the love and care with which she treated them.

She used to go to the Campo Santo with food and rich delicacies to be distributed to the needy. On her return home she would bring pieces of worn-out clothes and unclean rags which she would wash lovingly and mend carefully, as if they were to be used for God himself. Then she would fold them carefully and perfume them.

For thirty years Frances continued this service to the sick and the stranger. While she was in her husband's house, she made frequent visits to Saint Mary's and Saint Cecilia's hospitals in Trastevere, and to the hospital of the Holy Spirit in Sassia and to a fourth hospital in the Campo Santo. During epidemics like this it was not only difficult to find doctors to care for the body but even priests to provide remedies for the soul. She herself would seek them out and bring them to those who were disposed to receive the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist. In order to have a priest more readily available to assist her in her apostolate, she supported, at her own expense, a priest who would go to the hospitals and visit the sick whom she had designated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 7, Sat	4:00 PM (SJE) 6:00 PM (II)	Paul Galipeau (req. by Sandy) George & Evangeline Nadeau
Dec 8, Sun	8:30 AM (SJE)	Tim Coulter
Dec 9, Mon	8:30 AM (SJE) 7:00 PM (II)	John XXIII Parishioners Deceased John XXIII Parishioners
Dec 14, Sat	4:00 PM (SJE)	Sally Dube (req. by family)
Dec 15, Sun	8:30 AM (SJE) 10:30 AM (II)	Madeline True (req. by Don Smith) William & Florence Bondreau (req. by family)

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).

OFFERING

1 Dec '24 (1st Sunday Advent): \$3,767.00
Christmas Flowers: \$303.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

December 8, 2:00
St Joseph the Worker Parish
777 W Hollis St, Nasua

Holy Day of Obligation
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
9 Dec (Monday)

Holy Day Masses:
8:30 AM (SJE) and 7:00 PM (II)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We ask your help in continuing the tradition of making this Christmas a little brighter for area families-in-need by donating a GIFT CARD that will be passed on to the Food Pantries co-located alongside Infant Jesus and St John the Evangelist churches. GIFT CARDS in the amount of \$25.00+ would be very much appreciated. Suggested local vendor GIFT CARDS: Target, Walmart, Market Basket, Shaw's, etc. A COLLECTION BASKET is located near the Giving Trees.

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Those who receive offering envelopes will notice a special envelope labeled "CHRISTMAS DECORATION OFFERING". A DONATION can be made in the name of a loved one(s). If so, please print their name(s) on the envelope. Those not receiving offering envelopes are welcome to DONATE towards our Christmas altar decorations as well, just use a plain envelope (and if in memory of a loved one, print their name or names on the envelope).

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

The following prayer is repeated each day. The purple candles are lit the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of Advent, the pink candle is lit the 3rd Sunday of Advent [Gaudete Sunday].

- V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R/. *Who made heaven and earth.*
- V. O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. *Amen.*
- V. O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.
R/. *Amen.*

NOTES

1. An initial meeting of the Parish Council and Finance Committee is scheduled for December 18 at 6:30 PM (Infant Jesus Rectory). It will be a short joint organizational meeting. Those willing to serve on either the committee or council are asked to attend.
2. Mass Cancellation Policy: If Nashua-area schools cancel school or delay the start of the school day due to inclement weather, there will be no 8:30 AM Mass that day. Regardless of the weather, we will make every effort to offer weekend Masses.

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