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INFANT JESUS

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SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 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

STANDING FIRM

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. —Eph 6:11

The first excerpt is from a homily by St John Chrysostom (d. 407). He assures the faithful that God's grace is sufficient to overcome all the obstacles that oppose our salvation ... provided we remain "his people, the sheep of his flock" (Ps 95:7). The second excerpt below is from a homily by St Basil (d. 379) in which he appeals to the faithful to defend the faith in which they were baptized and by which they received new life in Christ and adoption as children of God: "The common aim of all our adversaries, and of all who are contrary to sound doctrine (1 Tim 1:10), is to overthrow the foundations of the faith of Christ, by leveling the Apostolic traditions to the earth, wholly destroying them."



AN ANGEL FREES THE APOSTLES FROM PRISON [detail]
[Acts 12:3-11] by Juan Rodriguez (d. 1742)

AS long as we are sheep, we overcome and, though surrounded by countless wolves, we emerge victorious; but if we turn into wolves, we are overcome, for we love the shepherd's help. [Jesus], after all, feeds the sheep not wolves, and will abandon you if you do not let him show his power in you.

What he says is this: "Do not be upset that, as I send you out among the wolves, I bid you be as sheep and doves. I could have managed things quite differently and sent you, not to suffer evil nor to yield like sheep to the wolves, but to be fiercer than lions. But the way I have chosen is right. It will bring you greater praise and at the same time manifest my power". That is what he told Paul: My grace is enough for you, for in weakness my power is made perfect. "I intend", he says, "to deal in the same way with you". For, when he says, I am sending you out like sheep, he implies: "But do not therefore lose heart, for I know and am certain that no one will be able to overcome you".

The Lord, however, does want them to contribute

something, lest everything seem to be the work of grace, and they seem to win their reward without deserving it. Therefore he adds: You must be clever as snakes and innocent as doves. But, they may object, what good is our cleverness amid so many dangers? How can we be clever when tossed about by so many waves? However great the cleverness of the sheep as he stands among the wolves—so many wolves!—what can it accomplish? However great the innocence of the dove, what good does it do him, with so many hawks swooping upon him? To all this I say: Cleverness and innocence admittedly do these irrational creatures no good, but they can help you greatly.

What cleverness is the Lord requiring here? The cleverness of a snake. A snake will surrender everything and will put up no great resistance even if its body is being cut in pieces, provided it can save its head. So you, the Lord is saying, must surrender everything but your faith: money, body, even life itself. For faith is the head and the root; keep that, and though you lose all else, you will get it back in abundance. The Lord therefore counseled the disciples to be not simply clever or innocent; rather he joined the two qualities so that they become a genuine virtue. He insisted on the cleverness of the snake so that deadly wounds might be avoided, and he insisted on the innocence of the dove so that revenge might not be taken on those who injure or lay traps for you. Cleverness is useless without innocence.

Do not believe that this precept is beyond your power. More than anyone else, the Lord knows the true natures of created things; he knows that moderation, not a fierce defense, beats back a fierce attack.

WHENCE is it that we are Christians? Through faith, all will answer. How are we saved? By being born again in the grace of baptism. For how else could we be? Then, knowing that this salvation is confirmed by the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall we cast aside this form of doctrine (Rom 6:17) handed down to us? Would this not be the cause of the greatest grief if we now found we were further off from salvation than when we first believed (Rom 8:11); that we must now deny what before we believed? For it is the same loss for anyone to depart this life unbaptized, as to receive that baptism from which one thing of what has been handed down has been omitted. And whoever does not observe the profession we made on our first entering in, when, delivered from idols, we approached the living God, and does not hold fast to it throughout life as his surest protection, makes himself a stranger from the promises of God (1 Thess 1:9); dishonoring the pledge he himself gave at his profession of faith.

For if for me my baptism was the beginning of my life, and that day of my rebirth the first of all days, then, plainly, the word I spoke on the day of my adoption is the one most of all to be honored. Can I then, misled by the deceptions of such teachers as these, deny that tradition which

brought me to the Light, guided me to the knowledge of my God, and made me a son of God who before was His enemy through sin? For myself I pray that I may depart to the Lord holding fast to this profession; and I exhort them also, to preserved the faith inviolate till the Day of Christ, to maintain the Spirit undivided from the Father, and from the Son, and observe the faith of their baptism, both in their profession of faith, and in giving praise of God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to Whom be praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jan 12, Sunday — 1st Week in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM | Sunday Mass (SJE)
 10:30 AM | Sunday Mass (IJ)

Jan 13, Monday — Office Hours (8:00 AM-2:00 PM)
 6:30 PM | Finance Committee Meeting

Jan 14, Tuesday
 8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Jan 15, Wednesday
 8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Jan 16, Thursday
 8:30 AM | Daily Mass (IJ)

Jan 17, Friday — St Anthony, Abbot
 8:30 AM | Daily Mass (SJE)

Jan 18, Saturday
 4:00 PM | Sunday Mass (SJE)
 6:00 PM | Sunday Mass (IJ)
 7:30 PM | Sunday Mass (Brazilian)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 12, Sun	10:30 AM (IJ)	- Gilda & John Balandis (req. by family)
Jan 19, Sun	8:30 AM (SJE)	- Ines Garofalo - 3rd Anniv. (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

25 Dec '24 (Christmas): \$2,906.00
 29 Dec '24 (Holy Family): \$1,610.00
 1Jan '25 (Mary, Mother of God): \$798.00
 5 Jan '25 (Epiphany): \$1,758.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter, by the Grace of God,
Bishop of Manchester
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Of the Diocese of Manchester

In observance with the norms of law governing the Universal Church regarding the Jubilee Year of Hope and the imparting of the Apostolic Blessing and the granting of the Plenary Indulgence for the remission of temporal punishment due to sin,

DECREE and PROMULGATE

the Jubilee Year as directed by His Holiness Francis, Pope of Rome to be in effect in the Diocese of Manchester as of Vespers on December 28, 2024 until Vespers on December 29, 2025.

Of particular law of the Diocese of Manchester, the Plenary Indulgence and Apostolic Blessing are to be granted to those who, fulfilling the norms established for reception of the Indulgence (Sacramental confession and renunciation of sin, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father and acts of charity) participate in some way (joining in part of the procession, or adoring the Most Blessed Sacrament as the procession passes by, or prayerfully attending an observance at a processional stopping point) in the Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage to be held beginning on Sunday May 18, 2025 and concluding its statewide travel on Thursday June 19, 2025.

Given at Vespers this 14th day of December 2024 in Manchester, New Hampshire Gaudete Sunday Eve,

+ Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci
Tenth Bishop of Manchester

CATECHESIS

Our diocesan website has a section which explains the tenets of the Catholic faith:

catholicnh.org/worship-and-sacraments/faith/kerper

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NOTES

1. The parish would like to establish a PRAYER LINE. Should you know of anyone in need of prayer, please submit their name (First Name only) by way of email or by calling the office, and we will list them in the bulletin asking the entire parish to lift them up in prayer.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. If anyone desires to take Holy Communion to a home-bound family member or neighbor, please see me. The parish will provide a pyx and burse and Rite of Communion Outside of Mass.

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