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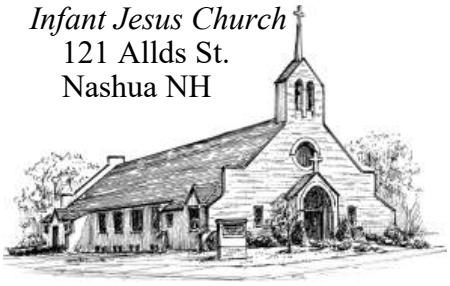

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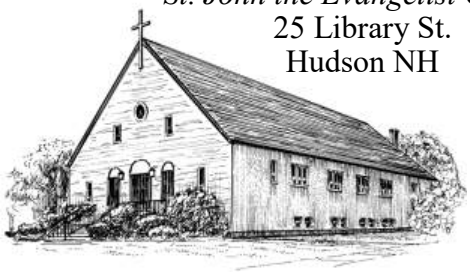

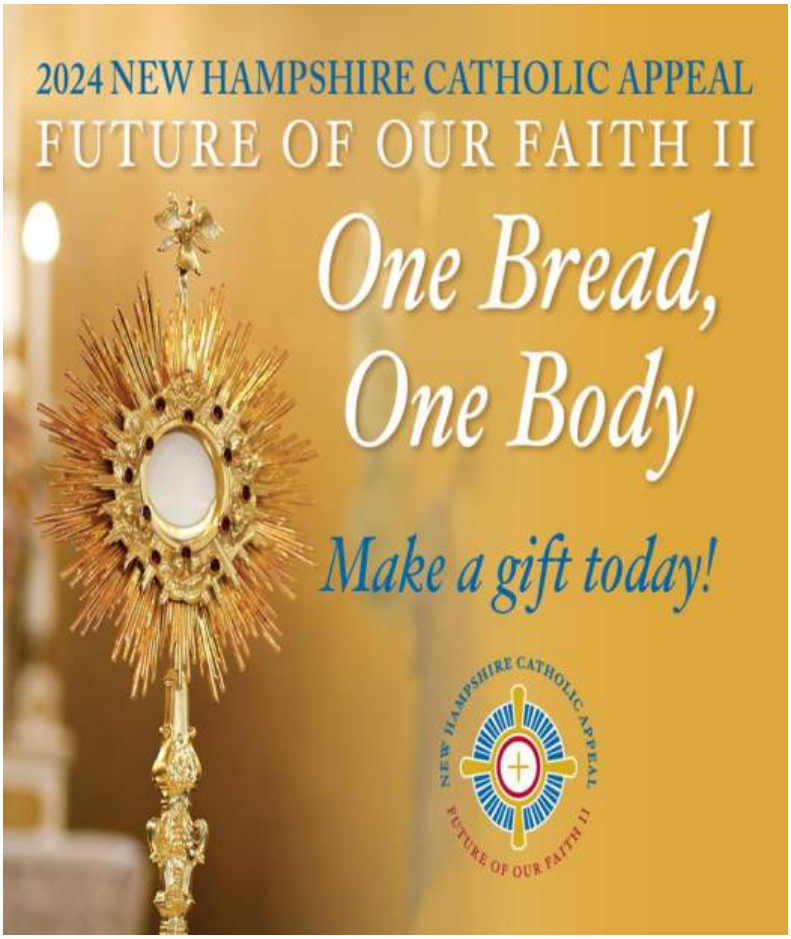


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## Outreach

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

## Saint John XXIII Parish

***Office/Mailing Address:***

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**Parish Website:** WWW.STJOHNXXIIINH.ORG

***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

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| 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

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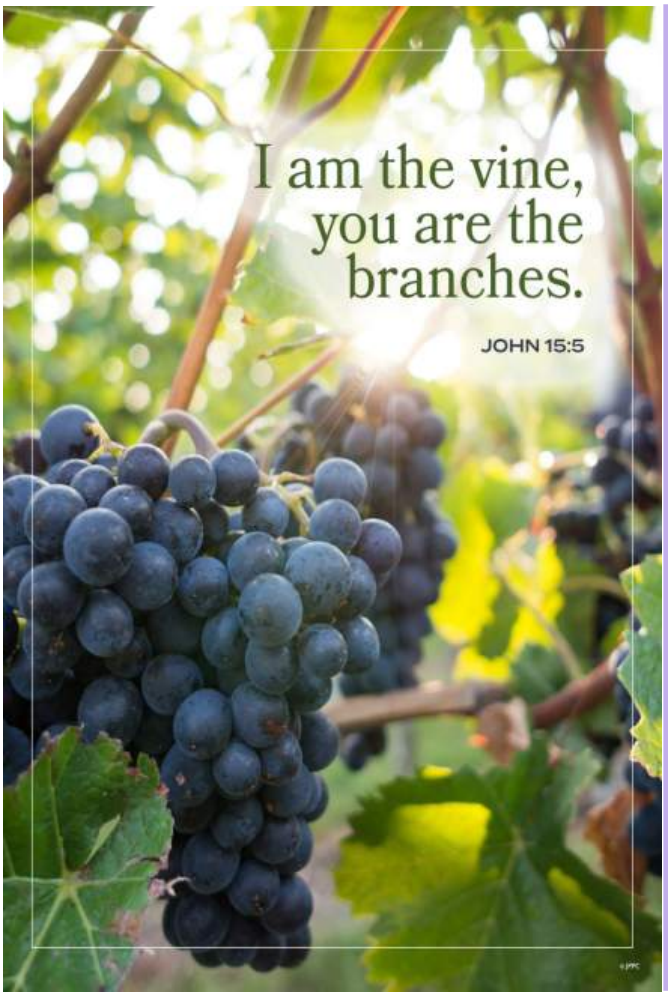
| Tuesday | 8:30 AM | IJ Church |
| Wednesday | 8:30 AM | SJE Church |
| Thursday | 8:30 AM | IJ Church |
| Friday | 8:30 AM | SJE Church |

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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




## *Mass Intentions*

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| **Saturday** | | ***April 27*** |
| **SJE** | 4:00 PM | Norman Dumais<br>by Venette Theriault & family |
| **IJ** | 6:00 PM | Beatrice Lapierre<br>by The Ladies of Ste. Anne |
| **IJ** | 7:30 PM | Mass in Portuguese |
| **Sunday** | | ***April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter*** |
| **SJE** | 8:30 AM | Mary & George Doyle<br>by the family |
| **IJ** | 10:30 AM | Robert & Irene Houle<br>by Joanne Charron |
| **Tuesday** | | ***April 30*** |
| **IJ** | 8:30 AM | All Souls Intentions |
| **Wednesday** | | ***May 1*** |
| **SJE** | 8:30 AM | All Souls Intentions |
| **Thursday** | | ***May 2*** |
| **IJ** | 8:30 AM | All Souls Intentions |
| **Friday** | | ***May 3*** |
| **SJE** | 8:30 AM | All Souls Intentions |
| **Saturday** | | ***May 4*** |
| **SJE** | 4:00 PM | The Shanholtz Family |
| **IJ** | 6:00 PM | Corrine LaPlante<br>by The Ladies of Ste. Anne |
| **IJ** | 7:30 PM | Mass in Portuguese |
| **Sunday** | | ***May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter*** |
| **SJE** | 8:30 AM | Richard Othot<br>by the family |
| **IJ** | 10:30 AM | Catherine & William Camacho<br>by the family |

### Parish Prayer Intention Book

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.

### Weekly Readings April 29– May 5, 2024

**Monday** Acts14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
**Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
**Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
**Thursday** Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
**Friday** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
**Saturday** Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
**Sunday** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

### eBook - Christ Our Passover

Easter is truly the Season of the Eucharist." To enrich the celebration of this Easter Season, the Diocese of Manchester has published a free eBook called Christ Our Passover, a collection of brief excerpts on the Eucharist from documents of the Second Vatican Council and the writings of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, and Pope John Paul II. The eBook is designed to be used at the convenience of individuals or parishes and does not need to be read cover to cover. The book is available at www.catholicnh.org/easter.

### Stewardship Report

| Week Ending ~ April 20 & 21 2024 | |
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| **Adult Envelopes** (45) | **$1,398.00** |
| **WeShare** (Online Giving) (47) | **$690.00** |
| **Loose Cash** | **$1,247.00** |
| **Offertory Total:** | **$3,335.00** |
| **Debt Reduction** | **$110.00** |

***May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!***

## Reflection - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Way back in the mid 1960's, a Canadian communication theorist named Marshall McLuhan coined the phrase "The medium is the message." He proposed that a communication medium itself, not the messages it carries, should be the primary focus of study. He showed that artifacts such as media affect any society by their characteristics, or content.

All we have to do to get the "message" Our Lord Jesus preached is to observe Him striding across the pages of the New Testament to validate McLuhan's theory. Of course, we believers treasure His every word, and we can build our lives around them. But we can watch Him in our imaginations and see the very Word of God live His earthbound existence and conclude that He is truth itself. If only a nervous Pilate had waited for Jesus' answer to his question "What is truth?" on that fateful Friday long ago! But then we know that the procurator had proven unworthy of a response.

Today's beautiful yet profound self-identification of Jesus as the vine and we as the branches has reverberated down the centuries as a message to be treasured. Bold it was indeed, because Jesus was replacing a well-known description of Israel as a vine with Himself. We need not be wine merchants to grasp the meaning. The fact that Jesus was and is the perfect medium to express who God is and what He is about in His plan for salvation brings comfort to our Faith and enlivens our Hope.

What the resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate seal of approval from God the Father of all that Jesus said and did. In a time when "transparency" has become so necessary in the popular culture worn out by so much political scheming and even by questionable behavior of some senior Church prelates, we can rejoice in the straightforwardness of Jesus. He spoke the truth and lived it even when it was unpopular. Even when it invited hatred and inevitably crucifixion.

How do we maintain our connection with Jesus as branches in our time? How do we avoid the trap set by our contemporary culture to believe whatever the media touts as true? The answer is right before us in today's Gospel passage. "My Father is glorified when you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Bearing fruit becomes our job. Preserving true loyalty to Christ is the only way to "live and move and have our being." That in turn leads to our own resurrection. But do we get the message?

The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proof of a portrait, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the studio and arrived with these angry words: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied. "Sir, with a face like yours, you don't need justice, you need mercy!"

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

## United Way - Caring for our Elders

Join us for "Caring for our Elders," part of United Way of Greater Nashua's monthly "Coffee and Causes" series of talks for older adults on May 3rd from 10:30 am to 12 pm at St. Joseph Hospital's Carl Amelio Room. Discover how the NH State Commission on Aging and other supporting organizations are collaborating to develop a Multisector Plan for Aging, tailored to New Hampshire's unique characteristics. Learn how you can contribute to the success of this initiative and participate in shaping the future of elder care in our community. Representatives from St. Joseph Hospital will also be sharing insights on their Behavioral Health Unit, addressing referral processes, intake procedures, staffing, and more. Questions are encouraged! Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the conversation and make a difference in the lives of our elders and caregivers. Register to attend at http://tinyurl.com/May-Coffee or contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603) 882-4011.

## 2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

This weekend we kickoff the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II, One Bread, One Body, an initiative for our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It has consolidated six of our annual collections under one Appeal along with the Catholic Charities NH in-pew special collection appeal and the Parable magazine drive. I am grateful to all who donated to the NHCA last year. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal again will help fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, Parable magazine, the Community Services program Catholic Charities NH and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. As you consider making your gift, please consider what you have given to these individual collections (Seminarian Fund, Retired Priest Fund, Parish to Parish Support Fund, Catholic University of America and USCCB, Catholic Education/Catholic Schools, N.H. Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH) plus to Parable Magazine and the Catholic Charities NH Special collection appeal. Our parish goal this year is **$33,463.00** and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs. For more information, go to https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca

## Pop-Up Pantries - Free Food

Announcing the "warm weather schedule" for Pop-Up Pantries! Free food is available on weekdays at Pop-Up Pantries around Nashua. They take place at 11am at Harbor Care, 45 High Street (Mondays), Major Drive, 101 Major Drive (Tuesdays), Lamprey Health Care, 22 Prospect Street (Wednesdays), River Pines Mobile Home Park, 34 Birch River Trail (Thursdays), Sullivan Terrace, 56 Tyler Street (Fridays). These Pop-Up Pantries are organized by United Way of Greater Nashua with food provided by Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. This "warm weather schedule" will run from April 22 to November 1. For more information contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011.

Thank you for your generosity and support of United Way's ongoing efforts to strengthen our community. For more information contact United Way
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## Healing Service with Alan Ames

Healing Mass with Alan Ames at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Merrimack, May 6th at 6 pm: Come to this grace filled evening, in the church, beginning with Mass. This is a conversion story and healing service you won't want to miss! Alan's life was changed from a violent, alcoholic, motorcycle gang member to a man of complete devotion to God. Alan is an internationally known Catholic evangelist who has been graced with the gift of healing, a close union with Jesus in His Passion and a mystical prayer life he has shared globally the past 30 years in over 50 countries and on 6 continents. There have been many documented healings, by the grace of God. Alan travels world-wide sharing his inspiring "Saul to Paul" story and powerful testimony of God's merciful love. For more info: alanames.org. The schedule for the evening is as follows: Mass celebrated by Father Robert Glascow + conversion story by Alan Ames + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Healing Service + Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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