

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM - 12 NOON

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Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

*Note: The Sunday 8:00 AM Mass will be reinstituted in the near future.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM

If Nashua schools are closed or delayed due to snow/ice, daily Mass will be cancelled. Mass intentions will be rescheduled to a later date.

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We strive to be a parish of Good Stewards, praising and thanking God for His gifts of life, faith, family and friends and our parish and civic communities. We ask for His grace to grow and develop these gifts abundantly for the sake of His kingdom among us.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM & upon request

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Please call Parish Office 6 months prior to wedding date.

Program Coordinators

Adoration	Pat Hurd	882-1503
Adult Choir	Barbara Puder	557-5279
Art & Environment	Robert Gagne	883-3972
Bereavement	Kim Dupont	883-0757, ext. 2
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Cub/Boy Scouts	John Puliafico	889-5677
CYO	Joe Merrill	320-2716
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Teen Choir	Tom Lynch	889-3751
Youth Choir	Chris Wenrich	880-7939

Committee Chairpersons

Pastoral Council	Marc Richard	978-433-2725
Finance	Paula Moran	882-6053
Liturgy	John Martin	883-9730
Fundraising	Ann Kelley	886-1909
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Deanery Agencies

New Hampshire Catholic Charities	889-9431
Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance	882-6372

First Sunday of Advent

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Outreach Christmas Gift Tag Distribution
(After 10am Mass), Parish Hall

Monday, November 30, 2020

Cub Scout Pack 255 Den Meeting, Rooms 1 & 5/6, 6pm

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Adoration, Worship, 6-7pm
Quilting, Room 2/3/4, 7-9pm

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Adoration, Worship, 8:30am - 12 noon
EDGE Team Meeting via Zoom, 7pm

Thursday, December 3, 2020

TBD: Adult Faith Formation (Morning Session)
Rosary, Worship, 6pm

TBD: Adult Faith Formation (Evening Session)
BSA Troop 272 Meeting, Kitchen/Hall/Room 7/8,
6:30pm

Friday, December 4, 2020

K of C/Red Cross Blood Drive, Kitchen/Hall, 1-6pm

Saturday, December 5, 2020

First Saturday Devotion (after Mass), Parish Hall
Outreach Christmas Gift Tag Distribution, (after Mass),
Parish Hall
100 Club Membership Sales (after Mass), Parish Hall

***Please be sure to maintain proper physical distancing
(at least 6 feet) when entering, inside and exiting the church.
We also ask that if you or someone in your household has
any symptoms such as a cough, fever, sore throat, etc.,
please refrain from entering the church. **For the safety of
others, those 5 years of age and older are requested to
wear face masks.** We thank you for your patience and
consideration during this difficult time.



For parish updates, faith formation
resources and much more, please visit
our parish website at:
www.stjoenash.org
and our Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/stjoenash.

Corpus Christi Food Pantry November Requests

Canned Ham & Spam
Canned Corned Beef Hash
Mayonnaise
Coffee: Regular, Decaf & Instant
Children's Snacks: ie: Granola Bars, Microwave Popcorn,
Pop Tarts, Saltines or Graham Crackers
Men's & Women's Deodorant



Heartfelt thanks for all your donations!

Weekend Offertory

Weekly Offertory needed to meet budget, FY2021.....\$8,055
Offertory Collection 11/21-11/22/20.....\$*
On Line Giving W/E 11/22/20.....\$*
Total Weekly Collections 11/21-11/22/20.....\$*
Fiscal Year Offertory needed to date (21st wk.).....\$169,155
Fiscal Year Offertory collected to date (21st wk.).....\$*

2.5% of the Total Offertory goes to Tithing each week.

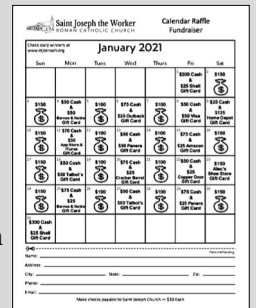
Thank you for your support!

***The offertory report for last weekend (11/21-11/22) will be
listed in next week's bulletin. Due to the Thanksgiving
holiday, this week's bulletin was transmitted on 11/20.**

Sales Have Begun! Get Your Calendars!

Sales are off to a great start
and we're excited!

- ◆ **Calendar cost: \$10**
- ◆ **For the month of January, 2021**
- ◆ **Filled with \$4,000 worth of cash
and gift card prizes**
- ◆ **On sale until 12/30/20**



Calendars may be: picked up at the parish office,
downloaded from our parish website: **www.stjoenash.org**
or purchased by using a credit card through Eventgroove
Fundraising, an online fundraising platform, at:
<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/34ac00>

Get some of your Christmas shopping done early! This
calendar would make a great gift for family and friends!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

This year with COVID-19 challenging
all of us, more families in our
community and certainly in our parish
need to make more difficult decisions for help.

We must do social distancing, masking, and eliminate
touching. We hope that this process will be simple, safe
and efficient for all concerned.

Our agencies for 2020 are: **The Front Door Families
(Pastoral Care), Meals On Wheels, Keystone Shelter/
Harbor Homes and our own parish families.**

Tag Distribution: 11/28-11/29 & 12/5-12/6

This is when you select your gift tag and it will be done in
the Parish Hall after the 4pm & 10am Masses.

Gift Return: 12/12-12/13

Your wrapped new gifts are brought back to church with
the original gift tag attached to the package.

The deadline is Sunday, 12/13 by noon!!!

Volunteers will be in the Parish Hall to assist you.

God bless you and thank you for your support!
The Outreach Committee

Parish & Community News



KNIGHTS NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 12311
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Blood Drive

Friday, December 4th, 1-6pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit:

redcrossblood.org and enter:

JOSEPHTHEWORKER to schedule an appointment.

Join us in answering the call to help others give blood!



Parish Scout Troop 272 Holiday Wreath Orders

Many of our parishioners normally order their holiday wreaths from the parish scout troop at our yearly Holiday Craft Fair. This year, for your convenience, the scouts will be set up to take orders before and after Masses on this weekend: **11/28-11/29**.

Pickup will be on the weekend of: **12/5-12/6**.

If you have any questions please call: **603-320-5677**.



Sacristans Needed Can You Help?

Can you give 1 hour a month of your precious time for the Lord?

A sacristan has the following duties and responsibilities:

maintain working sacristy by washing chalices, ciboriums and wine decanters, filling the host drawer, cleaning candle toppers, extinguishers and catchers, washing and drying altar cloths (occasionally), towels and purificators (cloth used to wipe chalice at Mass). You can work at your own pace and at your convenience. The Sacristan

Ministry is a worthwhile, grace filled volunteer opportunity. Come give it a try and see what it's all about! **If interested, please call Priscille at:**

603-759-1040.

What so ever you do...

For the past few years, members of the parish have joined the Middle School Faith Formation with a special outreach project helping the youth in Nashua that have aged out of the foster care system.

Thank you to everyone for your continued donations!

*** New requests as of 11/9/20 ***

- Pop Tarts, Mac 'n Cheese in box or cup, Tuna
- Laundry pods
- Socks for men and women
- Gift cards to: Market Basket, Shaw's, Wendy's & McDonald's



LIVE UNITED



United Way
of Greater Nashua

NEW: "Lightly Used" Laptops - Can You Help?

The United Way of Greater Nashua is reaching out to help the Nashua school system provide laptops for remote learning students during this COVID pandemic. There are

hundreds of families right here in the Nashua school system without computers, and many of these families have more than one student in their household. **Does anyone have any "lightly used" laptops they would be willing to part with?** There is a team of volunteers at the United Way that cleans them up and donates them to local families. The United Way is located at 20 Broad Street and their president is Mike Apfelberg.

His contact info is:

Michael Apfelberg

President, United Way of Greater Nashua

Direct: 603-864-0202 Cell: 603-943-9434

<https://unitedwaynashua.org/>

If you would like to drop the laptop(s) at the 20 Broad St. office, please call first (603-864-0202) to make sure someone is available. Most of the staff is working remotely as much as possible.

Paula Moran, St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee Chairperson, would also be willing to arrange pick-ups of laptops. If interested, please contact her at: **603-882-6053** (Please leave a message!) or email at: **paula.d.moran@gmail.com**.

NEW: Celebrate the Feast Of Our Lady of Guadalupe Via Zoom

Join the New Hampshire Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will gather via

Zoom on **Thursday, December 10th from 1:00-2:00pm**.

The afternoon will include music, prayer, presentations and Q&A.

To receive the Zoom meeting information, please register using the link below.

<https://nhdccw-guadalupe.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions, please contact Alyse Hlasny at: **603-663-0108** or **ahlasny@rcbm.org**.



Visit our parish web site (**www.stjoenash.org**) to hear Bishop Christian's latest homily and to view an archive of past homilies.

First Sunday of Advent



GIFT Assignment:
First Sunday of Advent
Assignment will be in
Google Classroom



Next EDGE Zoom Meeting:
Sunday, December 6th
at 6:00pm

Living the Liturgy at Home First Sunday of Advent

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you are Emmanuel, God with us. In these holy days of Advent, come to your people with justice, healing, and peace. Fill us with a spirit of love and generous service, so that our hearts will be ready to celebrate your coming at Christmas and our lives will reflect your Kingdom that will last forever when you come again. You live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Conversation Questions

In this week's Gospel, we learned that it is important to "Be watchful! Be alert!" to prepare our lives for God. Name someone you know who is watchful and alert and is doing Jesus' work. How does that person do Jesus' work? What would you do or say to welcome Jesus? What would you tell him about yourself?

Faith in Action

If you do not have an Advent calendar at home, download one or use a template to make your own. Mark down on your calendar the times of Sunday Mass your family will attend, prayers at home, service opportunities, family traditions (such as putting up the Christmas tree), and so on. Ask your child for his or her ideas to add to the calendar.

Did you know?

...that during the season of Advent, Catholic Christians anticipate and celebrate Christ's coming in three different ways: the Messiah's Second Coming at the end of time as we know it, Jesus' coming as an infant in Bethlehem some two thousand years ago, and Christ's coming once again into our hearts this Christmas as we welcome Emmanuel ("God with us")?

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Liturgy

First SUNDAY of Advent

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would rend the heavens
and come down, with the mountains
quaking before you, while you wrought
awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

Keep Christ The Center of This Advent Season! All Are Welcome! Please Join Us!



Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament (in the main church)

Tuesday evenings - 6 to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday mornings - 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

*"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus
that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!"*

~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Thursday Evening Rosary (in the main church)

at 6:00 p.m.

*"The rosary is the most beautiful and the most
rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer
that touches most the Heart of the Mother of
God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite
the family rosary." ~ Pope Saint Pius X*



Mark's Jesus

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

First Sunday of Advent

REFLECTIONS

By Bishop Christian

A PEANUTS cartoon shows Schroeder with a record of Brahms's Fourth symphony. "Whataya going to do with it?" asks Lucy. "Listen to it." says Schroeder. "You mean dance to it or sing along with it or tap your feet to it?" asks Lucy. "No, just listen to it." replies Schroeder. "Dumbest thing I ever heard." says Lucy. Lucy's response reminds us how hard we modern people find it to truly listen. We have to be doing something. How often do we have the radio, or the television on while we are doing something else? We hear the words being spoken, but we don't really listen to them, pay attention to them, or ask whether there is a message there for us. At best the words are simply background noise for us. We're not truly attentive to them. There is a danger that the same sort of thing can happen with God's word. We hear it at church or somewhere else, but we don't truly listen to it. But if we don't listen to it, we easily miss what God wants to do for us or what He is asking of us. When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, the voice from the cloud didn't say "This is my Son, love Him," or "This is my Son, reach out to Him," or "This is my Son, worship Him." The voice said, "This is my Son, listen to Him." In other words, let Him guide your life. Let Him help you determine what you should be doing to find peace and joy. Let Him lead you to good pasture. Each of us needs to be sure we are listening to the Lord, not just hearing Him.



~ Hope ~

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier
Friday:	St. John Damascene
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday



Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Monday, November 30th

8:00 am ~ Susan Conroy by the St. Joseph Outreach Committee
8:00 am ~ Deceased family & friends of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Moran

Tuesday, December 1st

8:00 am ~ Rose & Charles Plokstis by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mizara
8:00 am ~ For the intention of Norbert & Elaine Levesque by Helen Dumont

Wednesday, December 2nd

8:00 am ~ Deceased family & friends of the Jones Family by Cecile Boucher
8:00 am ~ Roger Dumont by Kathie, Kris & Liz

Thursday, December 3rd

8:00 am ~ Paul X. Garon by his daughter Dorothy
8:00 am ~ Stacie & Dillion Beaton by their family

Friday, December 4th

No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 5th

4:00 pm ~ Jim Dieckhoff by his wife Terri
(Rescheduled from: 10/4/20)
4:00 pm ~ Deacon Al LaBonte Jr. by the Dumont Family
(Rescheduled from: 11/1/20)
4:00 pm ~ Lorraine Bourque by her sister Carol
(Rescheduled from: 11/29/20)

Sunday, December 6th

8:00 am ~ Steve Kelley by Terri Dieckhoff
(Rescheduled to: 12/16/20)
10:00 am ~ Rosemary Ball by Eric & Kimberly Dupont
10:00 am ~ Amy Noel by her Aunt Helen
10:00 am ~ Catherine Boucher by Eric & Kimberly Dupont

*****Please note: Due to the temporary suspension of the Sunday 8am Mass, the scheduled intentions have been transferred to different dates. Those changes are noted above. Thank you for your understanding.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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