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Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM

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

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Schedule

Public weekend Mass: ***

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. & Sundays at 10 a.m.

Please note: The Sunday 8 a.m. Mass will be reinstituted in the near future.

Guidelines are available on our parish web site (www.stjoenash.org) and on our Facebook page.

The obligation to attend Mass is temporarily suspended for anyone reluctant to attend, especially those for whom it is medically inadvisable.

Public daily Mass: ***

Monday - Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: ***

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

The church will be open during the following hours for private prayer: ***

Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

***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**.

Weekend Offertory

Weekly Offertory needed to meet budget, FY2021.....\$8,055
 Offertory Collection **08/15-08/16/20**.....\$4,892
 On Line Giving W/E **08/16/20**.....\$1,525
 Total Weekly Collections **08/15-08/16/20**.....\$6,417
 Fiscal Year Offertory needed to date (7th wk.).....\$56,385
 Fiscal Year Offertory collected to date (7th wk.).....\$51,256

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

Thank you for your support!

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Next drawing is: **Next Sunday, August 30th!**

Good luck to all of our members!



2020 Memorial Bricks

Please note: Only 2 weeks left to apply!

Applications for the 2020 Memorial Bricks are now available in the plastic wall jackets in the Narthex. The **pink form** indicates the **Marian Garden** area and the **blue form** indicates the **Flag Pole** area. Once you've completed the form, please either mail or return it to the parish office (ATTENTION: HELEN DUMONT). **Deadline: Labor Day weekend, September 5th-6th.** For more details please call Helen Dumont at 883-0757, ext. 3.

Your support is important!

We sincerely appreciate your contributions to the parish's weekly offertory. Your faithful support continues to be extremely helpful in assisting us with our regular financial obligations. There are many ways you can donate to the parish. You may use our Online Giving option, the mail, drop off at the parish office, or place in our locked mailbox located outside and to the left of the main entrance doors. **Thank you for continuing to be as generous as you can during this difficult time!**



Corpus Christi Food Pantry

Thank you for your July donations. Your food donations weighed 666 pounds and were valued at \$1,113. God bless you all for your generosity!



August Requests:

Shampoo & Conditioner	Body Wash
Coffee (Regular/Decaf/Instant)	Tea
Mayo & Ketchup	Salad Dressing
Hamburger Helper	Olive Oil
Rice & Pasta Sides	Assorted Canned Beans
Jelly	Peanut Butter
Canned cake frosting	Cookie Mix
Canned Meat (Ham/Spam/Tuna/Beef Stew/Vienna Sausage)	

Summer Fan Program Update

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance sends their sincere appreciation to all who donated fans. Thanks to your ongoing support, they were able to help over 150 clients through the month of July and have continued into August. So many of their clients rent apartments downtown on upper levels with no A/C and your donation is helping to make someone's home a little cooler!



God bless you for your generosity!!!

Parish & Community News

Corpus Christi Food Pantry



and Assistance

It's that time of year and we can help!

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is collecting **NEW socks and underwear** for school aged children once again this August and September (**boys & girls sizes from ages 5 to 18**). Donations can be left in the collection bins outside the parish office. Although the reopening of schools is unknown, the pantry hopes to alleviate the financial burden on many families with this assistance. They are grateful for any help you may provide for the children. We thank you for your generosity and ongoing support!

Corpus Christi Volunteer Request

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is in great need of volunteers:

- 1) A volunteer for 3 to 4 hours on Tuesdays. We need someone to work in the garage handing out the food, monitoring the flow of people, as well as "muscle" to bring food upstairs.
- 2) Several volunteers to help prepare orders for clients on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The rewards are out of this world!!!

If you think you can help, please call Maryellen at: 603-882-6372.

VOLUNTEER



The Dioceses of
Manchester & Portland
Invite You To A Virtual Retreat
For Young Adult Catholics:

Living In God's Time

Friday, September 11th – Sunday, September 13th

Join us from the comfort of your own home as we dive deeper into what it means to live in God's time. This virtual experience will include thought provoking talks, time for prayer and reflection, and some social time to get to know other young adults from both Maine and NH. The weekend will conclude with a live/livestream Mass.

There is no cost for this retreat but registration is required at: <https://2020yaretreat.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Call Mary Jane Silva (603) 663-0172 or Hannah Gonneville (207) 663-0172



Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage

experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**.

This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for **seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14th to October 26th from 7-9:30 p.m.**

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



New: Supporting Our Neighbors in Crisis

Whether isolated seniors, homeless and struggling veterans, families facing chronic hardship or individuals searching for ways to cope in the "new norm" of life, Catholic Charities NH remains steadfast in our commitment to be there for those who need us most – especially in times of crisis like these. Our programs remain fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you haven't had a chance to help your neighbors facing difficulties, we encourage you to make a gift today: **cc-nh.org/everything**. You may also mail your gift to **CCNH, PO Box 9510, Manchester, NH 03108-9510**.

During difficult times, music can draw us closer to God and through His peace bring peace to our hearts.

- ♦ K-Love Christian radio is now in our area! You can listen to uplifting contemporary Christian music by tuning to 107.3FM.
- ♦ Music For Your Soul! Check out our website at: www.stjoenash.org/music-for-the-soul.



New: COVID-19 Community Testing at Milford Medical Center

Milford Medical Center and St. Joseph Hospital are proud to partner with the New Hampshire Department of Health and

Human Services to provide COVID-19 community testing. Beginning August 17, 2020, community members can visit Milford Medical Center at 442 Nashua Street in Milford, NH to be tested for COVID-19 between 11am and 6:30pm.

To schedule an appointment to be tested:
Please call 603-884-4454, Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 5pm.

Interpreter services will also be available. Most insurance plans cover testing in full, however, if financial assistance is needed, applications will be available. Learn more at: **stjosephhospital.com/community-health/testing**



The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Liturgy

Living the Liturgy at Home Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in your holy face we see the face of God. Help us to keep our eyes always fixed on you, so that in everything we do, we may be pleasing to you. May we love you and follow you all the way to God's Kingdom, where you live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Conversation Questions

Are we good leaders at school, work, or church? What makes a good leader?

Would people be surprised if we told them we were followers of Jesus or would they already know?

Faith in Action

Find a recent article or video online about our current pope. Lead a discussion with your family about how he is a successor of Peter, the first pope. Then talk about what the Holy Father is doing and saying. Is he being a good servant leader and a good example for Christians everywhere in the world? What is his message?

Did You Know?

...that the Keys of St. Peter, also known as the Keys of Heaven, are an image of two crossed keys representing the ones that Jesus says he is giving to Peter in Matthew 16:19? The image of these keys appears in the coat of arms of the Vatican. Almost all of the popes' coats of arms since the late Middle Ages have included the image of St. Peter's Keys.

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Jesus said,
"I say to you,
you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the
netherworld shall not
prevail against it."

MATTHEW 16:18



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST
23
2020

FAITH FORMATION



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New: Update on Fall Faith Formation

With prayer and discussion with Bishop Christian and the Faith Formation Committee, and with the recommendation of the Diocese of Manchester, it has been decided to

temporarily offer a virtual option for our faith formation programs (the GIFT program for grades Kindergarten through grade 5 and the Edge program for grades 6,7,8).

The GIFT program will be offered using Google Classroom through which the Gospel reading will be sent in a video format and a written format. Worksheets which the students can complete and return on Google Classroom as well as suggestions for the families will also be included each week. If for some reason you do not have Google Classroom, please contact Miss Janice (603-883-0757, ext. 4 or janicemercure@stjoenash.org) to make other arrangements. The GIFT Program will begin the weekend of September 19th/20th, the Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

We will continue to use the Edge program for grades 6,7, & 8. At this moment, it is unclear what digital format will be used, but the decision should be made within the next couple of weeks and you will be notified as soon as it has been determined. The dates of the Edge sessions will also be provided at that time.

You will be notified if and when we can safely bring the students together in person. The programs may look a little different in order to adhere to the guidelines at the time. Prior to the start of in person sessions, you will be sent the details, in order for you to familiarize yourself and to be comfortable with the new procedures.

For those families who had children preparing to receive First Reconciliation, Confirmation or First Communion last spring, the celebration of these sacraments will be held later this fall. Dates will be sent to you in the near future.

Thank You for your patience and cooperation.



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 8/10/20 *****

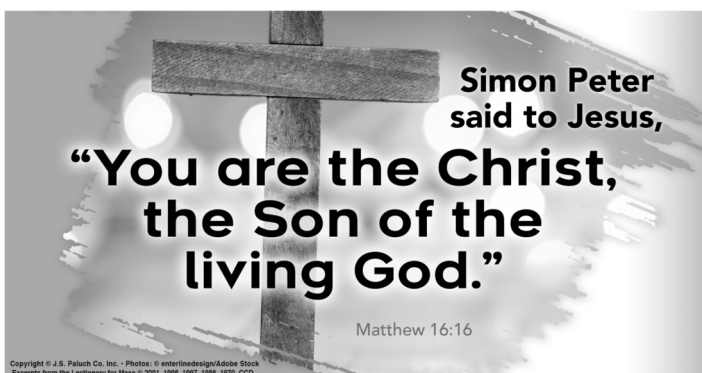
- Individual packaged snacks (chips, Doritos, etc.), peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers & small packets of mayonnaise
- Mac 'n Cheese in single serving microwave cups
- Gift cards to: Market Basket, Shaw's, Wendy's & McDonald's

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTIONS

By Bishop Christian

Two people in weight control programs were reflecting together on what tends to cause them to overeat. One person said, "I've noticed that I always overeat whenever I am bored or depressed." The other said, "I do the same things. And lately I've begun to wonder whether my boredom and depression is caused by a spiritual hunger which I then try to satisfy with material food and drink." A very good question, I think. But this spiritual hunger is something that each one of us, and indeed every person that has ever lived, experiences. Some years ago, the lyric of the song "Alfie" expressed it well, "What's it all about? Is it just for the moment we live?" Much of the restlessness of modern life comes from the fact that people can't answer for themselves, the "life" questions, the ultimate questions about human existence. Where do I come from? Where am I going. What should I be doing while I'm here? And so forth. We will never be rooted and be able to find peace and joy until those questions are answered. And Jesus provides us those answers. Each of us is created as a unique person by a loving Father. Each of us is called to work while we are here for a world of justice, love, peace, and truth. And someday we will be called home to the fullness of God's Kingdom. Jesus calls himself the bread of life and he gives us the spiritual food that grounds and fills our lives. He is the answer to our spiritual hunger.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanaz
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 24th

8:00 am ~ Deceased family & friends of Denise Canavan
 8:00 am ~ Maurice L. Noel by his daughter Helen
 (Rescheduled from: Sun., 8/23/20)

Tuesday, August 25th

8:00 am ~ Richard Conde by his wife
 8:00 am ~ Steve Kelley by Douglas & Donna Pratt
 (Rescheduled from: Sun., 7/26/20)

Wednesday, August 26th

8:00 am ~ Helen Szewczyk by the St. Joseph Outreach Committee
 8:00 am ~ Deceased family of the Anderson & Mula Families by Scott & Joanne Anderson

Thursday, August 27th

8:00 am ~ Donald Cadorette by the St. Joseph Outreach Committee
 8:00 am ~ Deceased members of the Paquin Family by John & Jeanne Toth

Friday, August 28th

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 29th

4:00 pm ~ For all of our parishioners celebrating anniversaries this month

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 am ~ Steve Kelley by Tom & Kathy Carroll
 (Rescheduled to: Tues., 9/15/20)
 10:00 am ~ Jerome Goulet by René & Dave Therrien
 10:00 am ~ Albina Radziewicz by Frank & Trina

*****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:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27





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