



3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

With that their eyes were opened
and they recognized him, but he
vanished from their sight. —Lk 24:31

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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "**their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.**" (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays - 8 a.m.

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.

Livestreaming available on our Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass

Prayer Line: 508.924.5792 - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at Noon

Bible Study: 508.924.5792 - Thursdays at 6pm

Saturday, April 18, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Isaiah Preyan

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

For: The People of the Parish

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Repose of the soul of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Diane Austin, Joseph Bates, Jr., Loyce Bradshaw, Charles Braneon, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Dr. Charles Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Keith Coleman, Santiago Cooper, Myrna Daniels, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dix, Bonnie Easton, Cameron Fritz, Gilda Griffin, Godfrey Harris, Linda Harris, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Joseph James, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Jaylen Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Kaylen Johnson, Ruth Kennedy, Felicia Meyers, Edgries Moon, Keith Newton, Donna Phillips, Omar Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Calvin Preyan, Joyce Randolph, Deja Rawles, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Cindy Sims, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Marsha Washington, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What am I impassioned about? I see the Easter miracle, the continuing presence of the risen Lord, and the promise of the Resurrection bringing me as much joy?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25

4p W. Squire

Sunday, April 26

8am R. Mornay

10am L. Landry & M. Green

Announcer: S. Lucien

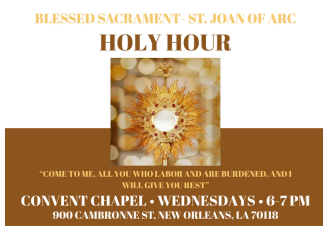


Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,
thank You for the gift of this new week.
Guide my thoughts, words, and actions so that all I do may honor You. Grant me strength in my work, patience in my trials,
and love in all my encounters. Help me to trust in Your will, walk in Your peace, and grow closer to You each day.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE** we're celebrating our Pastor's 50th Ordination Anniversary of Saturday, June 13th. More details to come. Please submit any photos to https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11A0Op8b0CwH-y9B2ZKdTxAJETVIsF3dA?usp=drive_link.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Yvette M. Picou who was selected to receive the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary New Orleans Central Committee's 2026 NOCC Meritorious Award for her service to Court 22. Thank you, Yvette, for your commitment and dedication to the Knights of Peter Claver's Ladies Auxiliary Division.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Kaylen Johnson, who won the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Court 22's Mother's Day Basket Raffle.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Clarence Wilson, who won the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Court 22's Valentine's Day Basket Raffle.
- **GRADUATION MASS** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7th at the 10am Mass. Graduates from K - Professional, please submit your picture and accomplishment by May 17th. You should include your name, school, and accomplishment. Please also confirm or decline your participation in the celebration Mass. Email to bssjaparish@arch-no.org.
- **THANK YOU** from the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Court 22 for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.
- **THANK YOU** to all who supported through donations and purchases of our Lenten Fish Fry. Over the three weeks, we were able to raise \$3515.00. Your generosity is always appreciated.
- **CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION** Our Parish is seeking assistance from parish ministries quarterly to clean of our sanctuary weekly in preparation for Masses. Ministries will be scheduled on a rotating basis throughout the year. Ministries and parishioners willing to assist are asked to please sign up in the vestibule or contact Emile Pierre (504.236.7336) or John Salomone (504.307.4645).



Pew Rally QR Code

PEW RALLY Support the continuing restoration effort by adopting a pew. Here is your chance to assist in the restoration of our church and commemorate someone special in your life. Your donation of \$1,500 will cover the cost of refinishing a pew. A memorial plaque will be placed on each adopted pew recognizing your gift. The adoption gift can be made in 1, 2 or 3 payments and can be split by two donors. Begin your adoption gift by scanning the QR code or following the email address listed in the bulletin. Thank you for considering a gift to restore our church to its original luster.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit all bulletin entries and announcements to the parish office by close of business (4:00 pm) on Wednesdays of each week.

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PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL

14 Parish Council Rectory 6:30p
 1,8,15,22,29 Holy Hour, Convent 6p

COLLECTION TEAMS

APRIL

5	Team 1	12	Team 2
19	Team 3	26	Team 1

If you are experiencing an emotional crisis, are thinking about suicide, or are concerned about a friend, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Immediately:



1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline

PARISH SUPPORT
<https://bssjaparish.weshareonline.org/>
 Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952
 QR Code Giving Code
May God's generosity remain in you!

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