



The Worshipping Community of

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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
(second choice)

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

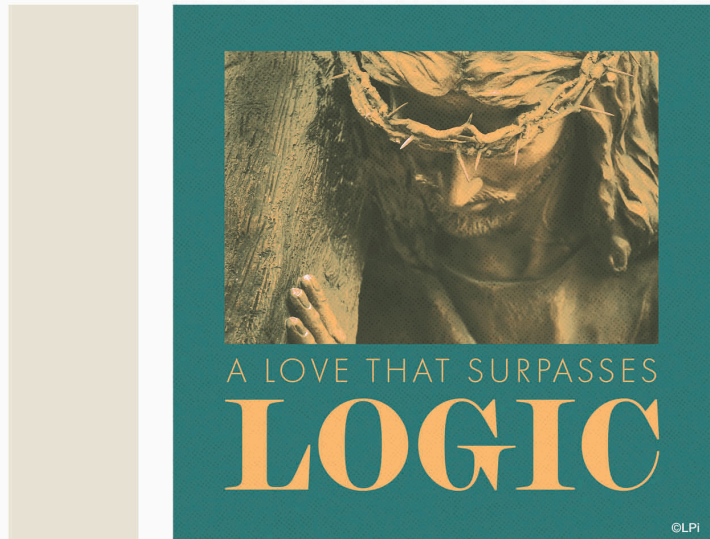
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "**I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.**" (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: "**He is out of his mind.**"

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— *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 25, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8 am

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10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Isaiah Preyan

Wednesday, April 29, 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

How can I live my life more abundantly? What specific things can I do this week to increase the love and mercy in my life?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Please see bulletin in sacristy.



Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,

You call us to listen, trust, and follow You more closely. Open our hearts to Your Word and strengthen us to live it with love and courage each day.

May we recognize Your presence in the Eucharist and reflect Your light to others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to our First Communicants Roman Augillard, Serenity Gaines and Jeremy Turner, Jr. May your hearts always remain close to Jesus, and may this special day be the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, love, and grace.
- **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.
- **FISH FRY** We're running it back...Come and get a fish plate on Friday, May 8th and May 22nd 11 am until sold out. Your support is appreciated!
- **SAVE THE DATE** We are joyfully celebrating our Pastor's 50th Ordination Anniversary on Saturday, June 13. Please see the bulletin for additional details, including how to submit photos. We also invite you to participate by purchasing a \$100 digital congratulatory message sponsorship. Kindly share this opportunity with your family, friends, and business partners.
- **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).

SAVE THE DATE

50 years of "Yes!"

WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD AND JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WILL CELEBRATE THE PRIESTLY
ORDINATION OF

Rev. Fr. Charles "Chuck" Andrus, SSJ

SATURDAY | JUNE 13 | 4 PM

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Formal invitation to follow.

Drop your photos here!




Running it back...
Get Hooked on Our...

FISH FRY
Friday

FRIDAY MAY 8TH AND
MAY 22ND
11:00AM - UNTIL SOLD OUT

\$15

ALL INCLUDES FISH, MAC N CHEESE, PEAS, BREAD & DESSERT

ORDERS MAY ALSO BE PLACED IN ADVANCE AT BSSJAPARISH.COM



BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. JOAN OF ARC
HOLY HOUR

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST"

CONVENT CHAPEL • WEDNESDAYS • 6 - 7 PM
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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.



Pew Rally QR Code

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
 26 First Communion Mass 8:00a

MAY

8 Fish Fry
 22 Fish Fry

COLLECTION TEAMS

MAY

3 Team 2	10 Team 3
17 Team 1	24 Team 2 31 Team 3

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

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