



EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

- Mt 28:5b-6

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“The Uptown Church with the down home message”

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **"ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."** (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

— *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 4, 2026

4pm

In Memory of: Our Parish Family and Families

Repose of the Soul of: Cornelia J. Pierre, Celestine P. Joseph, Diana Pierre Bell, Isaac Joseph, Rickey J. Pierre & Celestine Joseph

Sunday, April 5, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Fannie C. Ellis

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Isaiah Preyan, Diana Pierre Bell

Wednesday, April 8, 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

Resurrection Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We rejoice in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
By His triumph over death, may we be strengthened in faith,
filled with hope,
and renewed in the promise of eternal life.
Guide us to live in His love each day,
until we share in the glory of His risen life.
Amen.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**To what must I die in order to rise with Christ in new life?
What old yeast must be thrown out of my life so that I may become a fresh batch of dough, living in the newness of life?**

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Please see the bulletin board in the sacristy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** for Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ will be celebrated on Saturday, April 11th at the 4pm Vigil. All are invited to attend.
- **HOLY HOUR** hosted by our Evangelization Ministry will be held every Wednesday at 6pm in the Convent Chapel. Join us in prayer for an hour.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** is raffling an Easter Gift Basket. See any member. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Additionally, donate to the Poor Box to help our parishioners and neighbors in need. Thank you for your support!
- **THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY COURT 22** is raffling a Mother's Day Basket. The tickets are \$2. Please see any member for tickets. Drawing on April 12, 2026. Thank you for your continued support!
- **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).

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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



*He
is
Risen*

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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