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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

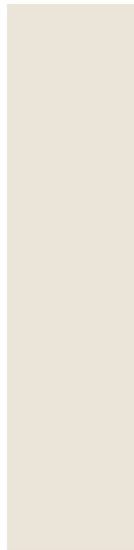
Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, “Lose Yourself,” the artist Eminem raps, **“the mood all changed.”**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **“When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.”** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John’s death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple’s life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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

Holy Hour - Wednesdays at 6pm

Bible Study: 508.924.5792 - Thursdays at 6pm

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

Saturday, August 1, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For: Terrell, Swain & Hampton Families

For the Repose of the Soul of: Isaiah Preyan

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

For: The People of the Parish

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Gwendolyn Cathcings-Castello, 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, 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 feed others this week without discriminating, literally or figuratively?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Sat., August 8

Vigil 4p W. Squire

Sun., August 9

8a Holy Name Men
10a D. Spears, L. Parker-Davis
Announcer: L. Latimore-Jones

Sat., August 15

Vigil 4p

Sun., August 16

8a J. Salomone
10a R. Berryman & Daughter
Announcer: S. Lucien

Prayer for the Week



Heavenly Father,
thank You for reminding us that,
through Christ, what we have is
enough when placed in Your
hands.

Help us to serve others with
generous hearts, trust in Your
provision, and share Your
blessings with those in need.
May we always be willing to give
as You have so freely given to us.
Amen.



- **WELCOME HOME SUNDAY** will be celebrated the weekend of August 15th and August 16th in response to Archbishop Checchio's invitation to welcome all who may be seeking a spiritual home. This special weekend is an opportunity to invite those who have not returned to Mass since the pandemic, those who have drifted away because of hurt, scandal, or division, those who have felt unseen or unwelcome, those who quietly stopped attending, those who are searching for faith, and even those who have never experienced the Catholic Church. We encourage everyone to personally invite a family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker to join us as we joyfully welcome all to our worshipping community.
- **VOTING REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE** The Men's Ministry will lead our voter registration and civic engagement efforts to help ensure that everyone who is eligible has the opportunity to register to vote and exercise that right on Election Day. Assistance will include voter registration, transportation to the polls, and general support for parishioners and members of the community. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.
- **SCHOOL BOOK BAGS** will be distributed after the 10 a.m. Mass on August 2nd. Because supplies are limited, there will be one book bag per child. Distribution will be first come first served.
- **ATTENTION YOUTH GRADES 7-12.** The Catholic Youth Conference will be Saturday September 26th from 9am-5pm at Jesuit High School and will include speakers, lunch and Mass with the Archbishop. Contact Carol Dotson 504.339.8691 so we can get your info, t-shirt size and lunch choice. Please let us know by September 9th.
- **MINISTRY LEADERS/ORGANIZATION MEETING** will be held Monday, August 10th at 6:30pm. Please make every effort to attend and participate.
- **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Monday, August 17th at 6:30pm in the Rectory. Please make every effort to attend and participate.
- **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 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

AUGUST

1 OBCM Back To School Fun Day
 2 School Bag Give Away
 3 Parish Council 6:30pm
 10 Ministry/Organization Leaders Meeting 6:30pm
 17 Liturgy Meeting 6:30pm
 15-16 Welcome Home Sunday

COLLECTION TEAMS

AUGUST

2 Team 1 9 Team 2
 16 Team 3 23 Team 1 30 Team 2

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



<https://bssjaparish.weshareonline.org/>
 Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952



QRC Giving Code

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