



The Worshipping Community of

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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 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 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
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, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "**Who do you say that I am?**" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— 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

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 22, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, August 23, 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 26, 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

Who do I say that Jesus is?

Prayer for the Week



Lord Jesus,

You are the rock upon which our faith is built. Strengthen us to stand firm in You, especially during times of uncertainty. Help us to trust Your promises, remain faithful to Your Word, and be living witnesses of Your Church in the world.

Amen

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Sat., August 29

Vigil 4p

Sun., August 30

8a R. Mornay

10a A. Cosey & M. Washington

Announcer: L. Latimore-Jones

Sat., September 5

Vigil 4p L. Coleman

Sun., September 6

8a J. Salomone

10a L. Landry & M. Green

Announcer: S. Lucien

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **VOTING REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE** The Men's Ministry will lead our voter registration and civic engagement. Join us on Saturday, August 29th at 10am at Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ, 1333 S. Carrollton, to get ready for Election Day on November 3rd.
- **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 FAIR** will be held on September 12 and 13 following each Mass. Please consider joining a ministry where you can share your gifts, serve others, and become more deeply involved in the life of our Parish community.
- **THE ANNUAL ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK FUNDRAISER** will be on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the LaSalle Park Walking Trail in Metairie. To donate online, go to: <https://runsignup.com/walk4sja>. The link takes you directly to our parish SVdP conference's designated donation page. Members also have pledge sheets for those who prefer to donate with cash or checks. The funds will assist our own parish neighbors and parishioners. Thank you for your support!
- **THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE** is accepting donations of gently used clothing, shoes and accessories for all ages throughout the month of August. Your closet cleanout can make a difference! Every donation helps support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and allows us to continue serving individuals and families in our community. Location : 4034 4th St., Marrero, LA 70072 Donation Hours: Tuesday—Saturday|10 AM-3 PM
- **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
 29 Men's Ministry - Voter Engagement

COLLECTION TEAMS

AUGUST

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

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