



# **RICH IN** WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## **The Worshipping Community of**

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*"The Uptown Church with the down home message"*

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

### Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

### Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 16:13-23

### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16  
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

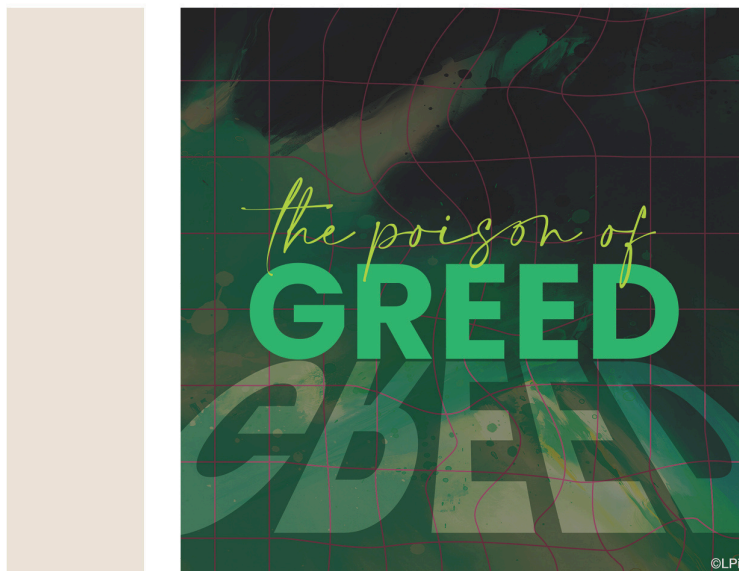
Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47  
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48  
or 12:35-40



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*



# SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

## 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, August 2, 2025

4pm

For: The People of the Parish

## Sunday, August 3, 2025

8 am

For: The People of the Parish

## 10 am Gospel Mass

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Joseph Preyan, Sr., Joseph Preyan, III, Wayne Preyan, Sr. and Isaiah Preyan

For the Repose of the Soul of: Ida Mae Johnson-Thomas

## Wednesday, August 6, 2025

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, Nathaniel Banks, Joseph Bates, Jr., Barbara Blanchard, Loyce Bradshaw, Charles Braneon, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Joyce Coleman, Keith Coleman, Santiago Cooper, Myrna Daniels, Lamar Davis, Beverly Dapremont, Souleymane Diop, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dix, Bonnie Easton, Cameron Fritz, Gilda Griffin, Godfrey Harris, Linda Harris, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, 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, Joyce Randolph, Deja Rawles, Ralph Rhea, Sr., 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, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What or whom have I thought of when I have received an unexpected bounty? How can I be a more generous person?

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 9, 2025

4pm J. Robinson

### Sunday, August 10, 2025

8am Holy Name Men

10am S. Lucien

Announcer: M. McMorris



- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, August 4, 2025, 6:30pm Rectory.
- **OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES** is now accepting vendor applications for the Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, III Gospel Music Festival on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM at St. Martin de Porres Center, 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans, LA. Vendor slots are FREE — but LIMITED – NO Food Vendors! We are looking for vendors, crafters and/or small businesses to be part of this exciting and spirit-filled evening. Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your products and services to our vibrant community! To reserve your spot or get more information, contact: Office of Black Catholic Ministries at (504) 861-6207 or [bcatholics@arch-no.org](mailto:bcatholics@arch-no.org). Applications are on the table in the vestibule.

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## PARISH CALENDAR AUGUST

4 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p

## COLLECTION TEAMS

### JULY

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

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Prevention Lifeline Immediately:

1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline



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