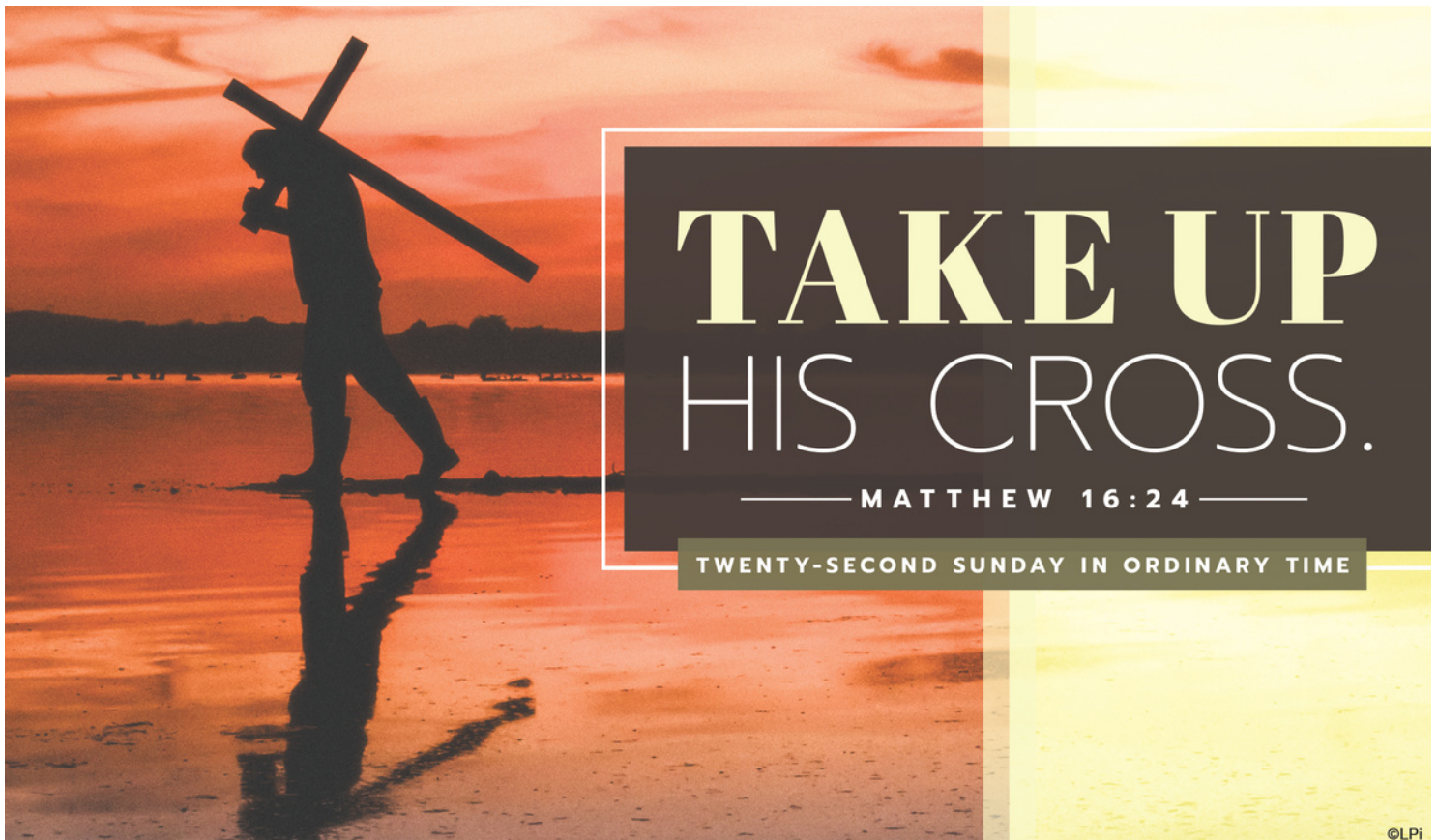




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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

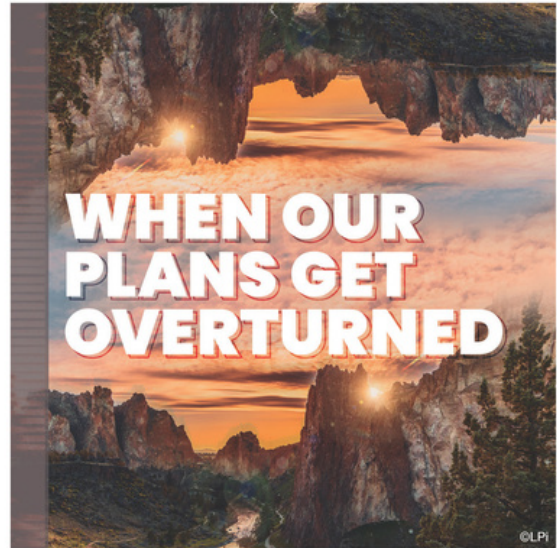
1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "**Get behind me, Satan.**"

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**" In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— 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 29, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, August 30, 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 and Ruth Turner

Wednesday, September 3, 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

What is Jesus asking me to let go of today so that I can follow Him more faithfully?

Prayer for the Week



Lord Jesus,

Give us the courage to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow You faithfully. When the journey is difficult, strengthen our hearts to trust Your will above our own. Help us surrender what holds us back and walk each day with faith, humility and love.

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

- **BSSJA BOOK CLUB** All are welcome to join for the first meeting of the BSDJA Book Club! We'll be discussing Pope Leo's recent encyclical, Magnification Humanitas, following 10am Mass on September 27th. Meeting will take place in the Convent gathering room for coffee, snacks and fruitful conversation. Join us as we discover our individual calls to holiness, our role in community and our understanding of the Church we call home. For more information on how to access the encyclical or to join the group chat, contact Caitlyn Cano at 832.778.0236 or speak with Fr. Linus.
- **BISHOP FERNAND CHERI GOSPEL FEST** will be held September 12th at St. Martin de Porres. Doors at 5pm Event 6pm. Join our choir at the fest while also supporting Secind Harvest Good Bank. Free admission with a can good.
- **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** donations will help the BSSJA Conference to replenish its depleted funds. You can donate online at <https://runsignup.com/walk4sja> or through members Romona Augillard, Artilyn Luke, Petrina McMorris or Sonya Stinson.. 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

SEPTEMBER

1 Liturgy Meeting 6:30pm
 12-13 Ministry/Organization Fair
 12 OBCM Gospel Fest
 14 Parish Council 6:30pm
 27 Book Club Meeting
 St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser

COLLECTION TEAMS

SEPTEMBER

6 Team 2 13 Team 3
 20 Team 1 27 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

PARISH SUPPORT

<https://bssjaparish.weshareonline.org/>

Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952



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