

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

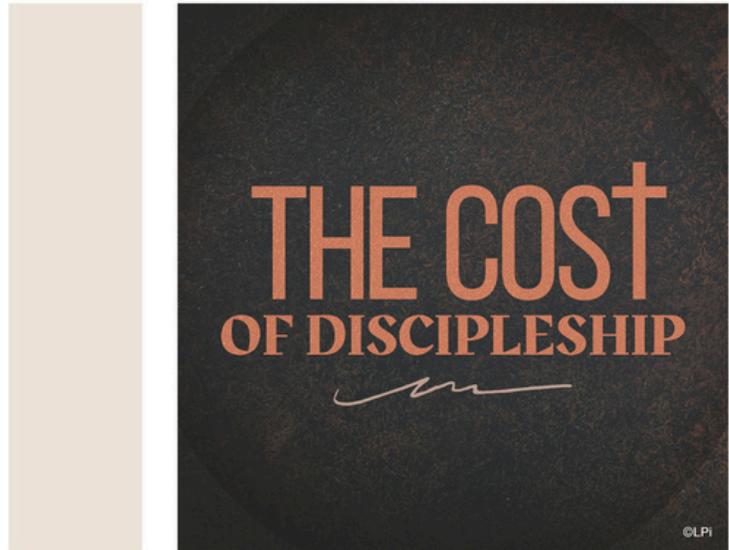
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: **“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).**

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— *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, February 7, 2026

4pm

In Memory of: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families and the Repose of the Soul of Joseph Jones, Jr.

Wednesday, February 11, 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, 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, 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, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How can I and my parish increase the light we shine in our community?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 14
4pm W. Squire

Sunday, February 15
8am R. Mornay

10am A. Frazier
S. Frazier

Announcer: L. Latimore-Jones

BLACK HISTORY INSPIRATION

Hope in the Midst of Trials

Through segregation and discrimination, the Black Church remained a place of refuge, worship, and empowerment—reminding believers that God's light shines even in the darkest times.





- MINISTRY ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOP: Sharing your Talents in the Vineyard** Calling all parishioners who feel called to serve! Join Us for a Ministry Assembly and Workshop designed for those interested in sharing their God-given talents within our Parish Ministries. This assembly will provide an opportunity to learn about ministries, share ideas and discuss how each of us can contribute to the life and mission of the Church and our Parish. The gathering will be held on February 28th from 10am – Noon in the Church Hall.
- BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS** will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday, February 28th
- ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** will be celebrated at 8am, Noon and 6pm.
- LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS** will be held Friday, February 27 and March 13 and 27 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Your support is appreciated.
- TRI PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL** has been scheduled for March 9-11. More details to follow. Save the Date.
- WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL BREAKFAST** Mark your calendars and make plans to come and celebrate on March 14, 2026. This year's theme is "Women of God: Stand Firm in Your Faith and Walk in Your Path" and the color is blue. Tickets are on sale now: Individual: \$25 and Table of 10: \$250. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the Prayer Breakfast beginning at 10am.
- 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 or John Salomone.
- 2025 POBOY FESTIVAL REPORT** Congratulation again to our Parish on its First Place Win for our Vegetarian Poboy. Thanks to all who supported our Parish efforts. See you later this year as we defend our title! Total Collected: \$10,314.57 Expenses: \$3467.77 Submitted to Development Fund: \$6846.80

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

FEBRUARY

2 Parish Council, 6:30pm
 18 Ash Wednesday Masses
 27 Fish Fry
 28 Ministry Assembly & Workshop

MARCH

9-11 Tri Parish Lenten Revival
 13 Fish Fry
 14 Women's Ministry Breakfast
 27 Fish Fry

COLLECTION TEAMS

FEBRUARY

1 Team 1 8 Team 2
 15 Team 3 22 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
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 Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952
 QRC Giving Code
May God's generosity remain in you!

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