



# **The Worshipping Community of**

## *Blessed Sacrament - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church*

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

# **SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

### Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

### Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 12:38-42

### Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

### Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

### Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

### Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Mt 13:24-30

### Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/  
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **“one necessary thing.”** He praises her for she **“has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42)**. Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— 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, July 19, 2025

4pm

For: The People of the Parish

## Sunday, July 20, 2025

8 am

For: The People of the Parish and For Guidance, Protection and Restoration for the Panchoo Family

## 10 am Gospel Mass

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Ida Mae Johnson-Thomas

## Wednesday, July 23, 2025

8am

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

How am I hospitable to others in need of food or rest, or just some companionship?  
How can I see the Lord in such hospitality?

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 26, 2025

4pm L. Coleman

### Sunday, July 27, 2025

8am T. Rattler

10am A. Frazier

Announcer: M. Green



- **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

### JULY

7 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p  
8 Men's Ministry 6:30p

## COLLECTION TEAMS

### JULY

6 Team 1  
20 Team 3  
13 Team 2  
27 Team 1

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Prevention Lifeline Immediately:

1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline

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