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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

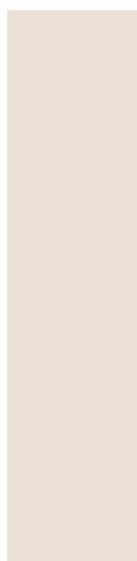
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).** We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— *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, July 26, 2025

4pm

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Reginald Henry

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8 am

For: The People of the Parish

10 am Gospel Mass

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Etta Govan and Virginia R. Sims

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

Wednesday, July 30, 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

Over the coming week, take time each day to persistently ask God for a need of yours or a friend's. At the end of the week, answer this question: What have I learned by persisting in prayer daily for this need?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 2, 2025

4pm L. Coleman

Sunday, August 3, 2025

8am J. Salomone

10am L. Landry

Announcer: L. Latimore-Jones



- **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. 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 2	10 Team 3
17 Team 1	24 Team 2 31 Team 3

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Prevention Lifeline Immediately:

1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline



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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May God's generosity remain in you!



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