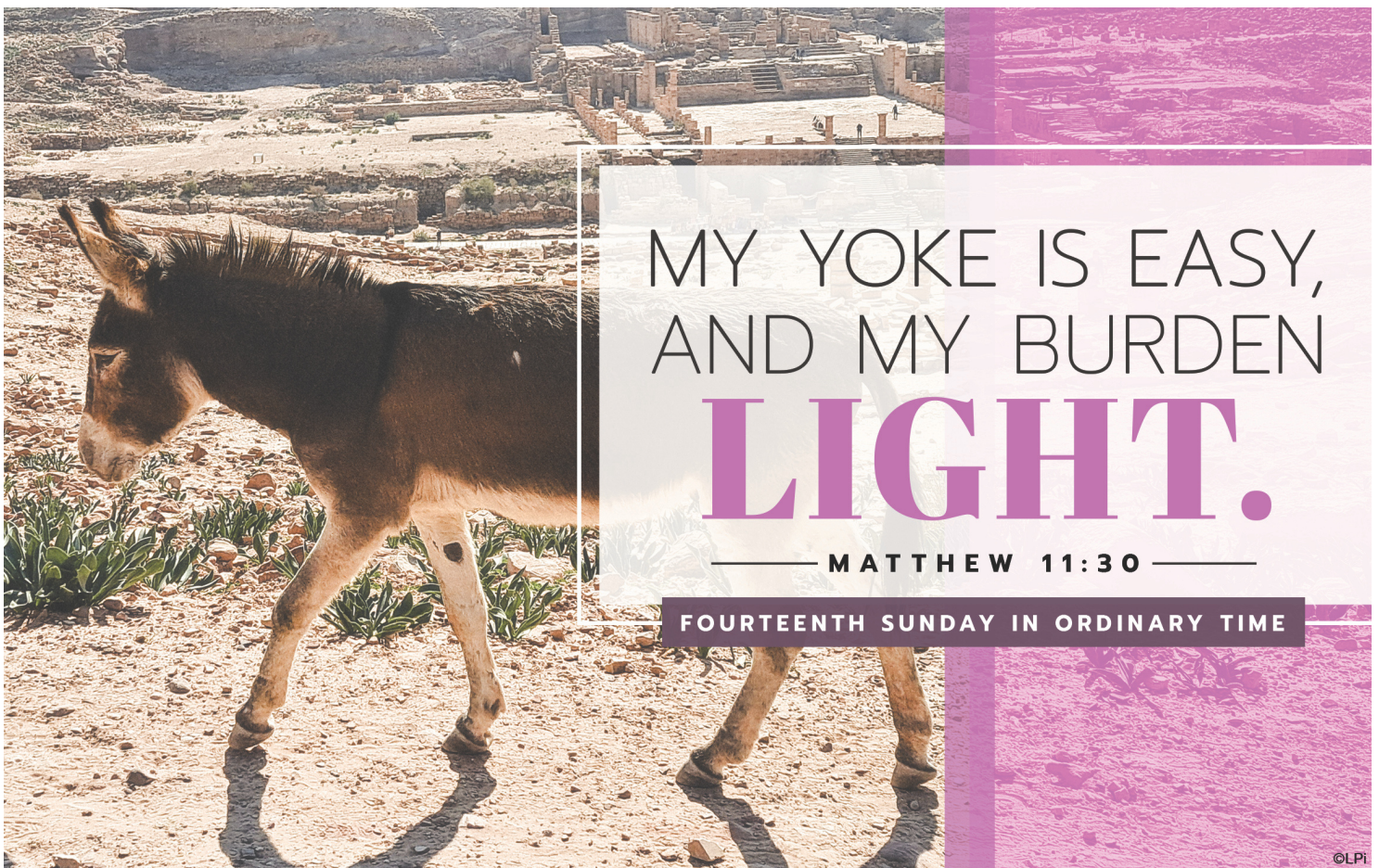




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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 5, 2026

Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and
17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

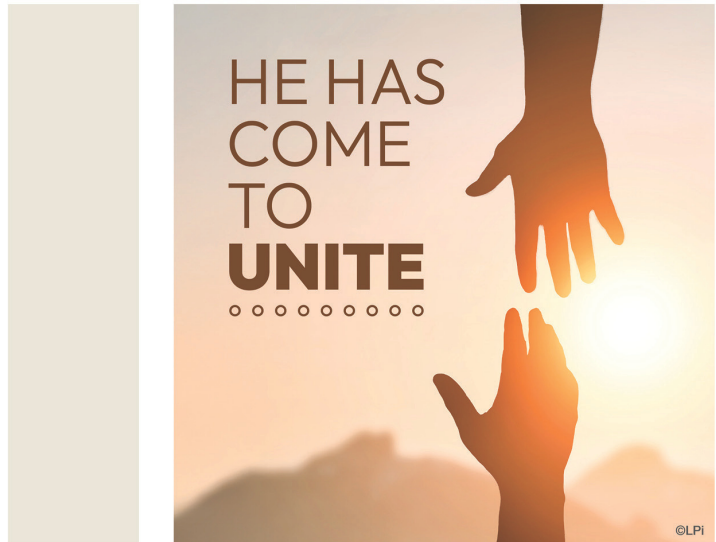
Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, **"They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'"** Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— 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
Holy Hour - Wednesdays at 6pm

Bible Study: 508.924.5792 - Thursdays at 6pm

Prayer Line: 508.924.5792 - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at Noon



Saturday, July 4, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, July 5, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For Recovery and Healing of: Gwendolyn Catchings-Castello

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Soul of: Isaiah Preyan

Wednesday, July 8, 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

**Do I consider myself meek?
How can I be less resentful
and more peaceful and
patient with family, friends,
and colleagues?**

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus,
thank You for Your gentle love and faithful presence.
When life feels heavy, help us to trust in You, for Your
yoke is easy and Your burden is light.
Grant us peace, strength, and the grace to walk with
You each day. Amen.



Please see the bulletin board in the sacristy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT** is being hosted by the Archdiocese's Young Adult Ministry on July 9th at 6pm. The event will be held at NOLA Brewing and Pizza Co with Archbishop Checcio serving as the host. Pizza will be provided. All young adults aged 21-35 are welcome to join our parish team. No trivia experience necessary. To join our team or for more information, contact Caitlyn Cano via text at 832.778.0236.
- **OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES INAUGURAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL FUN DAY** for middle and high school students, grades 6-12 will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 11am to 3pm at Blessed Trinity. This special event will provide our young people with an opportunity to begin the new school year with faith, fellowship, encouragement, and fun through games, activities, music, food, and a back-to-school blessing. Registration through our parish youth leader is required. Please see Carol Dotson for more information.
- **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** for Hallelujah Workshop sponsored by the Institute for Black Catholic Studies. Workshop dates are Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26, 2026. Please see flyer in the vestibule of the church for additional information.
- **A MEMORIAL MASS** On behalf of Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji and Fr. Tony Ricard all are invited to attend a memorial mass in honor of Bishop John Ricard on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Corpus Christi Epiphany Catholic Church.
- **ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR SCHOOL** is now accepting applications for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact the school office at 504-288-2745. More information available on the table in the church's foyer.
- **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

JULY

4 Men's Ministry Fundraiser Pickup
 9 Young Adult Ministry Trivia Night
 27 Parish Council Meeting

COLLECTION TEAMS

JULY

5 Team 2 12 Team 3
 19 Team 1 26 Team 2

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

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