



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are
worth more than many
sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

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“The Uptown Church with the down home message”

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday:

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

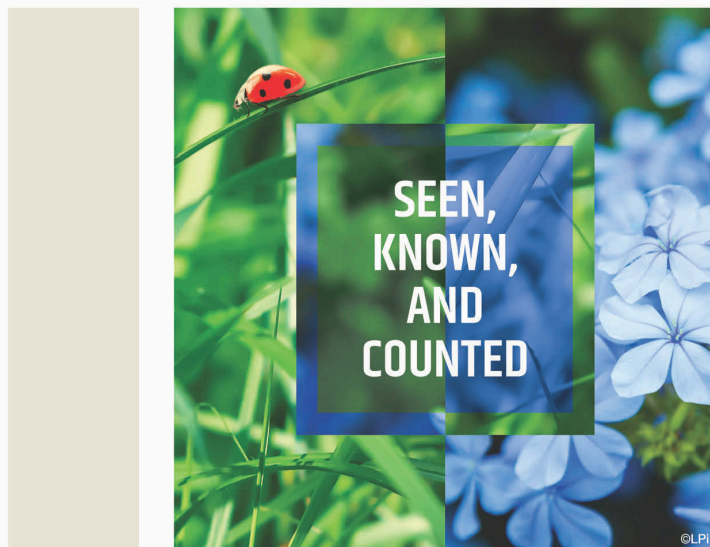
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— 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, June 20, 2026

4pm

For: All Fathers and Father Figures

For the Repose of the Soul of: Joseph Smith Soniat & Bryan Keith Soniat

Sunday, June 21, 2026

8 am

For: All Fathers and Father Figures

For: Recovery and Healing of Naja Davis

10 am Gospel Mass

For: All Fathers and Father Figures

For the Repose of the Soul of: Isaiah Preyan and Joseph James, Sr.

Wednesday, June 24, 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, 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 do I fear the most about witnessing to my faith in the light of day? How can I see my failing to stand up for what I believe in as a greater fear?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 27

4p Vigil L. Coleman

Sunday, June 28

8a Ladies & KPC

10a M. Green

R. Augillard

Announcer: S. Lucien

Prayer for the Week



Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of fathers and father figures. Bless them with strength, wisdom, good health, and peace. May they continue to reflect Your love through their guidance, sacrifice, and care for their families. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** we honor and celebrate all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and father figures whose love, guidance, sacrifice, and faith enrich and communities. May God bless you abundantly, strengthen you in your vocation, and fill your hearts with joy and peace.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Phillippa Thompson, who won the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Fine Dining for a Year raffle! We're excited to have one of our own parishioners win the grand prize in this annual fundraising event for the entire Archdiocesan Council of SVDP. THANK YOU all for your support and generosity.
- **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.
- **MEN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER** is sponsoring a smoked pork shoulder fundraiser on 4th of July. The men will be smoking whole pork shoulders the night of July 3rd for pickup on 4th of July at 11 am. Perfect for your Independence Day cookout to share with friends and family. Each pork shoulder will yield about 5 pounds of smoky barbeque. Pre-order your pork shoulder for \$60 at bssjamen@gmail.com. Scan the QR Code to pay online, or talk to John Salomone, Emile Pierre, Benny Harris, Audi Nero, or any member of the Men's Ministry. Pre-orders end June 30th. Please see the bulletin for the QR Code.
- **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).



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MEN'S MINISTRY
BBQ PORK SHOULDER FUNDRAISER
 SMOKED WITH FAITH. SHARED IN COMMUNITY.

WHOLE SMOKED PORK BUTT \$60
 8-10 LB RAW
 HELD ABOUT 5 LBS OF BBQ

WE SMOKE IT THURSDAY 3 JULY IN THE EVENING
YOU PICK IT UP FRIDAY 4 JULY BY 11:00 AM
 PERFECT FOR YOUR Independence Day! COOKOUTS & PARTIES!

PRE-ORDERS BEGIN NOW AND RUN THROUGH 30 JUNE

3 WAYS TO PLACE YOUR PRE-ORDER

1. **SCAN THE QR CODE** TO ORDER AND PAY ONLINE THROUGH ZEFFY
2. **EMAIL US** bssjamen@gmail.com
 We will confirm your order and arrange payment by CASH OR CHECK.
3. **CONTACT A MEMBER**
 Reach out to any of the men's ministry members or any member of the men's ministry:
 • John Salomone
 • Emile Pierre
 • Benny Harris
 • Audi Nero
 or any member of the Men's Ministry

Safe, Secure, Easy. 100% of your payment supports our ministry.
 Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MEN OF FAITH IN SERVICE TO OUR PARISH!
 WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.



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

JUNE

4 Archdiocesan Holy Hour, 6p Church
 7 Graduation Mass, 10am
 13 Pastor's 50th Celebration
 19 Juneteenth
 21 Father's Day
 30 Men's Ministry Fundraiser Deadline

JULY

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

COLLECTION TEAMS

JUNE

7 Team 1 14 Team 2
 21 Team 3 28 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

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

Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952

QR Code Giving Code

May God's generosity remain in you!



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