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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

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

Monday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday:

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:

Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday:

Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”** (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ’s claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I’ve learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— *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

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 27, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, June 28, 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 1, 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

What metaphorical “cup of cold water,” some simple thing I can do for someone, will I do this week and for whom?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Prayer for the Week



Lord Jesus,
help us to take up our cross each day and follow You with courage and faith. Strengthen us to trust Your will, love others selflessly, and remain faithful in every season. May our lives reflect Your grace and bring glory to Your name. 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.
- **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).

PARISH COUNCIL

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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

JULY

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

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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.
 Thank you for your support!
3. CONTACT A MEMBER
 Reach out to any of the men's ministry leaders or any member of the men's ministry.
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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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 Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952
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