

I AM
THE LIVING BREAD.
— JOHN 6:51 —

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 7, 2026

Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday:

1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/ Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/ 1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday:

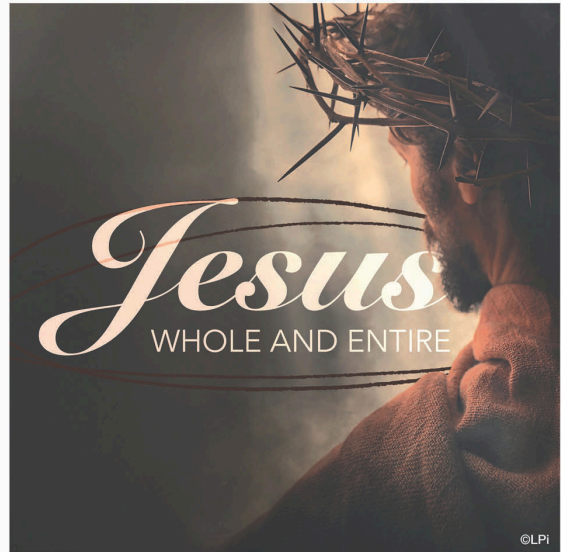
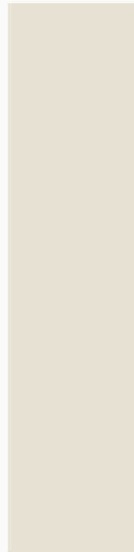
1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?" Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: "**My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.**" (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: *the Eucharist*. We say: *the Body and Blood of Christ*. We say: *the Real Presence*. We say: *the Most Blessed Sacrament*. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

— *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, June 6, 2026

4pm

For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, June 7, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Soul of: Isaiah Preyan

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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, 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

When I receive the Eucharist, I receive Jesus within me. How does knowing that Jesus is in me affect the way I act in the world?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 13

4p Vigil Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 14

8a Holy Name Men

10a M. Washington

A. Cosey

Announcer: M. Green

Prayer for the Week



Lord Jesus,

thank You for the gift of Your Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

Nourish us with Your presence, strengthen our faith, and help us to share Your love with all we meet.

May we always recognize You in the breaking of the bread and follow You with grateful hearts.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to our 2026 Graduates who are being honored and celebrated this weekend. We pray God's abundant blessings over you and all of your endeavors.
- **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 picnic 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).



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

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

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