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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

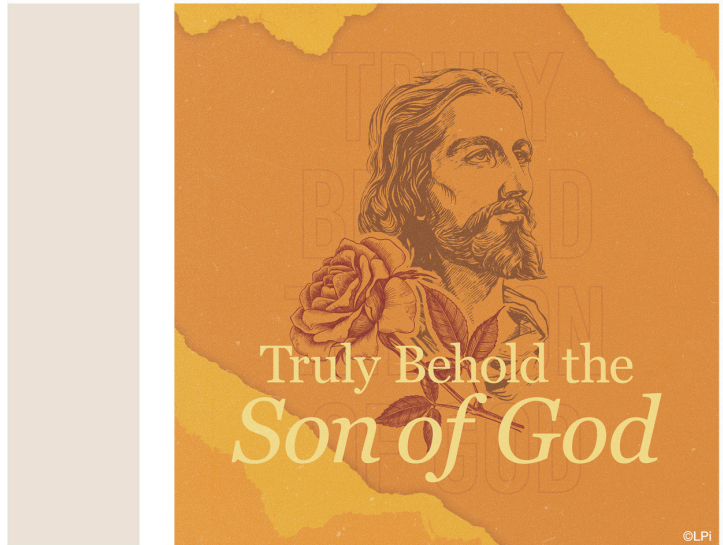
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
40-42



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *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, February 28, 2026

4pm

In Memory of: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Peter, Paul & Gloria Pierre

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8 am

For: Our Parish Family and Families

10 am Gospel Mass

For: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Isaiah Preyan & Diane Bell

Wednesday, March 4, 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, 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, Edgries Moon, 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, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

BLACK HISTORY INSPIRATION

Walking Forward Together: Unity in the Body of Christ

The Black Catholic story in New Orleans is not just history; it is living testimony. Our parish represent strength, survival, and sacred community. We are not separate stories. We are one Body in Christ. As we move forward, we are called not only to remember our legacy but to build upon it, nurturing our youth, strengthening our families, and standing for justice rooted in Gospel love. The same God who sustained our ancestors sustains us now. *"There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism."* — Ephesians 4:4-5

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How can I see myself transfigured between now and Easter? How will accepting my cross and following Jesus more closely help transform my life?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7

4pm L. Coleman

Sunday, March 8

8am Holy Name Men

10am A. Luke

T. Luke

Announcer: L. Latimore Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MINISTRY ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOP: Sharing your Talents in the Vineyard**
 Calling all parishioners who feel called to serve! Join Us for a Ministry Assembly and Workshop designed for those interested in sharing their God-given talents within our Parish Ministries. This assembly will provide an opportunity to learn about ministries, share ideas and discuss how each of us can contribute to the life and mission of the Church and our Parish. The gathering will be held on March 7th from 10am – Noon in the Church Hall.
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated every Friday in Lent at 6pm followed by Mass.
- MEN'S MINISTRY MEET AND GREET** is scheduled for February 22nd following the 10am Mass in the Convent.
- LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS** will be held Friday, February 27 and March 13 and 27 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Your support is appreciated.
- TRI PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL** has been scheduled for March 9-11. This year's theme is **"All in His Hands"** with our message by Revivalist Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD. Save the Date.
- WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL BREAKFAST** Mark your calendars and make plans to come and celebrate on March 14, 2026. This year's theme is "Women of God: Stand Firm in Your Faith and Walk in Your Path" and the color is blue. Tickets are on sale now: Individual: \$25 and Table of 10: \$250. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the Prayer Breakfast beginning at 10am.
- KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY COURT 22's** bus ride to Beau Rivage Resort & Casino has reached capacity. We thank you for your continued support of our fundraisers.
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Donations to the Poor Box help our parishioners and neighbors in need. Thank you for your support!
- 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

MARCH

- 7 Ministry Assembly & Workshop
- 9-11 Tri Parish Lenten Revival
- 13 Fish Fry
- 14 Women's Ministry Breakfast
- 21 Ladies Auxiliary Bus Ride
- 27 Fish Fry

COLLECTION TEAMS

MARCH

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| 1 | Team 2 | 8 | Team 3 |
| 15 | Team 1 | 22 | Team 2 29 Team 3 |

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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