



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

The Worshipping Community of

Blessed Sacrament - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Administered by the Josephites, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and Sisters of the Holy Family

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church | 8321 Burthe Street | New Orleans, Louisiana 70118
1909 - 2009

Rev. Charles Andrus, S.S.J., Pastor

Rev. Linus Abah James, S.S.J., Parochial Vicar

Mr. Terence Sims, Finance Council Chair

Mr. Kenneth Hayes, Parish Council Chair

Dr. David Delio, D.R.E.

Rectory | Fax: 504.866.7330 | 504.866.1319

Email: bssjaparish@arch-no.org

Website: www.bssjaparish.com

"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (**John 9:2**) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (**John 9:5**). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *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, March 14, 2026

4pm

In Memory of: Our Parish Family and Families

For the Repose of the Souls of: Hazel James Coleman

Sunday, March 15, 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, Diana Pierre Bell, Hazel James Coleman

Wednesday, March 18, 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, 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

Lenten Journey Prayer

Merciful God, as we journey through this season of Lent, quiet our hearts so we may hear Your voice. Help us to trust that all things are in Your hands. Guide our steps, strengthen our faith, and draw us closer to You each day.

Amen.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**What are my blind spots?
What biases do I have that
distort the way I see others or
see the world? Am I willing to
ask someone I know well to
be honest with me?**

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21

4pm V. Osby

Sunday, March 22

8am J. Salomone

10am M. McMorris

L. Parker-Davis

Announcer: M. Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated every Friday in Lent at 6pm followed by Mass.
- **HOLY HOUR** hosted by our Evangelization Ministry will be held every Wednesday at 6pm in the Convent Chapel. Join us in prayer for an hour.
- **LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS** will be held Friday, March 13 and 27 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Your support is appreciated. Thanks to the Preyan, Joseph, Hayes, Pierre, Sims, Spears and Rattler Families for donations to assist with defraying the cost of the fry.
- **MINISTRY ASSEMBLY** Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. Our assembly was both enriching and encouraging. We reflected on the strengths and challenges within our ministries and parish, and shared ideas on how we can grow and better support the Church's mission through active participation. There was a clear sense of urgency about renewing and strengthening our Church. This responsibility belongs to all of us, and together we can help bring new life to our parish community. In the coming weeks, we will follow up with another session of the workshop to continue the conversation and build on the ideas shared. We are the Church! Please plan to attend.
- **TRI PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL** Thank you to everyone who came out. We pray that the revival renewed your spirit and strengthened you as you continue your Lenten journey.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** is raffling an Easter Gift Basket. See any member. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Additionally, donate to the Poor Box to 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).

BLESSED SACRAMENT- ST. JOAN OF ARC HOLY HOUR



"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST"

CONVENT CHAPEL • WEDNESDAYS • 6-7 PM
900 CAMBRONNE ST, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

- Chair - Kenneth Hayes | 504.547.1619
- Patrick Anthony | 504.715.4961
- Joshua Bartholomew | 504.906.8312
- Arnel Cosey | 504.915.7024
- Trenice Davis | 281.844.4425
- Carol Dotson | 504.339.8691
- Richard Kelly | 678.994.8681
- Bridget Lassere | 504.650.9913
- Maurice McMorris | 504.388.9546
- Emile Pierre | 504.236.7336
- John Salomone | 504.307.4645
- Shannon Sims | 504.228.3656
- Dawn Spears | 504.296.6320
- Troy Thomas | 504.914.4901
- Johnnie Tillman | 504.432.6189

PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH

- 7 Ministry Assembly & Workshop
- 9-11 Tri Parish Lenten Revival
- 13 Fish Fry
- 14 Women's Ministry Breakfast
- 18 Holy Hour, Convent 6p
- 21 Ladies Auxiliary Bus Ride
- 27 Fish Fry

COLLECTION TEAMS

MARCH

- | | | | |
|----|--------|----|-----------------------|
| 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!



- Blessed Sacrament Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church
- BSSJA Parish New Orleans
- @BSSJAnola
- BlessedSacramentSaintJoanofArc