



# The Worshipping Community of

## *Blessed Sacrament - St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church*

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*"The Uptown Church with the down home message"*

# SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

### 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

### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-  
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/  
Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-  
24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or  
27:11-54



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

**Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *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 21, 2026

4pm

**In Memory of:** Our Parish Family and Families

**Rest of the Soul of:** Angel Robinson & Fannie C. Ellis

## Sunday, March 22, 2026

8 am

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**For the Rest of the Souls of:** Angel Robinson & Fannie C. Ellis

## 10 am Gospel Mass

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**For the Rest of the Souls of:** Isaiah Preyan, Diana Pierre Bell, Angel Robinson, Harold Sims

## Wednesday, March 18, 2026

For: The People of the Parish

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Rest 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 sins are keeping me entombed, isolated from God's love and from others? What can I do to free myself from my tomb?**

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 27

4pm L. Coleman

Sunday, March 28

8am T. Rattler

10am D. Spears

T. Thomas

Announcer: L. Latimore-Jones

# 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.
- **LITURGY COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS** continues on March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Convent; it's our last Fish Fry of the season. Please come out and support. Thanks to all who have donated and supported.
- **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!
- **THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY COURT 22** is raffling a Mother's Day Basket. The tickets are \$2. Please see any member for tickets. Drawing on April 12, 2026. Thank you for your continued 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.

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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
- 18 Holy Hour, Convent 6p
- 21 Ladies Auxiliary Bus Ride
- 23 Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30p
- 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

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