



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me
will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and
reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21

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“The Uptown Church with the down home message”

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

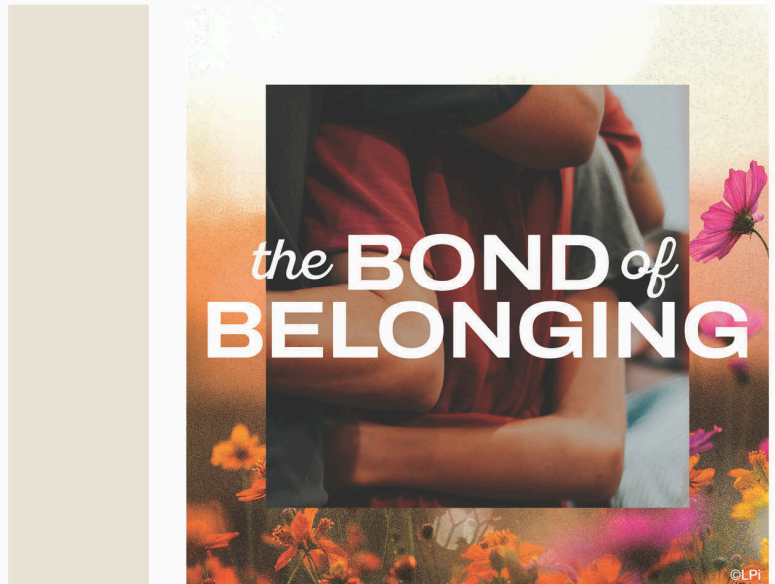
Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— *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, May 9, 2026

4pm

For: All Mothers - Living and Deceased

In Honor of: Fannie Ellis and Joyce Garner

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8 am

For: All Mothers - Living and Deceased

In Honor of: Fannie Ellis and Joyce Garner

10 am Gospel Mass

For: All Mothers - Living and Deceased

In Honor of: Fannie Ellis and Joyce Garner

For the Repose of the Souls of: Isaiah Preyan

For the Speedy Recovery of: Mary Bridget Lassere

Wednesday, May 13, 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

How can the kind of joy that the Holy Spirit brings enable me to endure suffering?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16

4p Vigil V. Osby

Sunday, May 17

8a E. Pierre

10a S. Frazier & A. Frazier
Announcer: S. Lucien

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of mothers and all women who nurture, guide, and love with compassion. During this Mother's Day week, bless them with strength, peace, joy, and good health. May the Blessed Mother continue to inspire them with faith and grace.
Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HAPPY 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our Pastor. May God continue to bless, guide and keep you always.
- **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** God's blessings upon all of our Mothers. May you be strengthened in your journey and guided in your faith as you continue to lead and nurture God's gifts.
- **MAY CROWING** will be held next Sunday. Please bring a flower to present to the Blessed Mother.
- **SVdP RAFFLE** The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Fine Dining for a Year Raffle has begun. This year, two early-bird drawings have been added in May for a chance to win hotel accommodations plus restaurant gift cards. The third and final drawing will be on June 5, 2026. The total prize value for all three drawings is \$3,000. Tickets are \$20 each.
- **GRADUATION MASS** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7th at the 10am Mass. Graduates from K - Professional, please submit your picture and accomplishment by May 17th. You should include your name, school, and accomplishment. Please also confirm or decline your participation in the celebration Mass. Email to bssjaparish@arch-no.org.
- **FISH FRY** Thank you to all who supported this week's fry. A special thanks to Calvin Preyan, Dawn & Mike Spears, Trenice Davis, Richard Pierre and Shannon Sims along with their Families for their donations. If you missed this one, catch the next on May 22nd from 11 am until sold out. Pick up at the Convent or order 5 or more for delivery Uptown. Your support is appreciated!
- **SAVE THE DATE** We are joyfully celebrating our Pastor's 50th Ordination Anniversary on Saturday, June 13. Please see the bulletin for additional details, including how to submit photos. We also invite you to participate by purchasing a \$100 digital congratulatory message sponsorship. Kindly share this opportunity with your family, friends, and business partners.
- **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).

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PARISH CALENDAR

MAY

8 Pastor's Birthday and Ordination Anniversary
 8 Fish Fry
 10 Mother's Day
 17 May Crowning
 22 Fish Fry

COLLECTION TEAMS

MAY

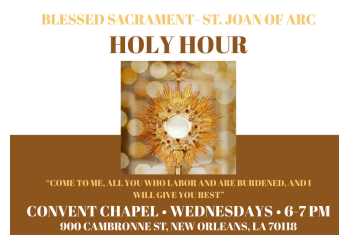
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1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline



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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May God's generosity remain in you!

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