



## **The Worshipping Community of**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

### Sunday:

**Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

### Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday:

1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

### Thursday:

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

### Friday:

1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

### Saturday:

Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

### Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)*

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

**Pentecost Challenge:** After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— *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 23, 2026

4pm

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** Bishop John Ricard

## Sunday, May 24, 2026

8 am

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** Bishop John Ricard and Malvina Wilson Heath-Bread

## 10 am Gospel Mass

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** Bishop John Ricard and Isaiah Preyan

**For the Speedy Recovery of:** Mary Bridget Lassere

## Wednesday, May 27, 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

Have I felt the Holy Spirit's movement in my life in both powerful and gentle ways?

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30

4p Vigil L. Coleman

Sunday, May 31

8a T. Rattler

10a L. Parker-Davis

M. McMorris

Announcer: M. Green



## Prayer for the Week

May the fire of the Holy Spirit renew our hearts this Pentecost weekend. Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with Your wisdom, courage, and peace. Help us to speak with kindness, serve with love, and walk faithfully in God's purpose for our lives. May Your presence unite our families, strengthen our communities, and guide us to be witnesses of Christ each day.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HOLY HOUR** there will not be a Holy Hour on May 27<sup>th</sup> or June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will join the Archdiocesan Holy Hour on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7pm. Please make every effort to participate.
- **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 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass. Graduates from K - Professional, please submit your picture and accomplishment no later than this Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bssjaparish@arch-no.org).
- **FISH FRY** thanks to all who supported either through donations and/or purchases. Your generosity 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).

## PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### MAY

- 8 Pastor's Birthday and Ordination Anniversary
- 8 Fish Fry
- 10 Mother's Day
- 17 May Crowning
- 20 Holy Hour (Every Wednesday) 6pm
- 22 Fish Fry
- 24 Pentecost Sunday

### JUNE

- 4 Archdiocesan Holy Hour, 6p Church
- 7 Graduation Mass, 10am
- 13 Pastor's 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration

## COLLECTION TEAMS

### MAY

- 3 Team 2
- 10 Team 3
- 17 Team 1
- 24 Team 2
- 31 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



50th Anniversary Sponsorship

### Fr. Chuck's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsorship

If you would like to send a congratulatory message as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, please scan the QR code and share your message by uploading in the space provide in the QR Code. The message will be included digitally at the Celebration. Cost \$100. Messages are due by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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 SUPPORT

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