

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:17



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

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/  
Mk 12:1-12

### Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14  
and 16/Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday:

2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166,  
168/Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday:

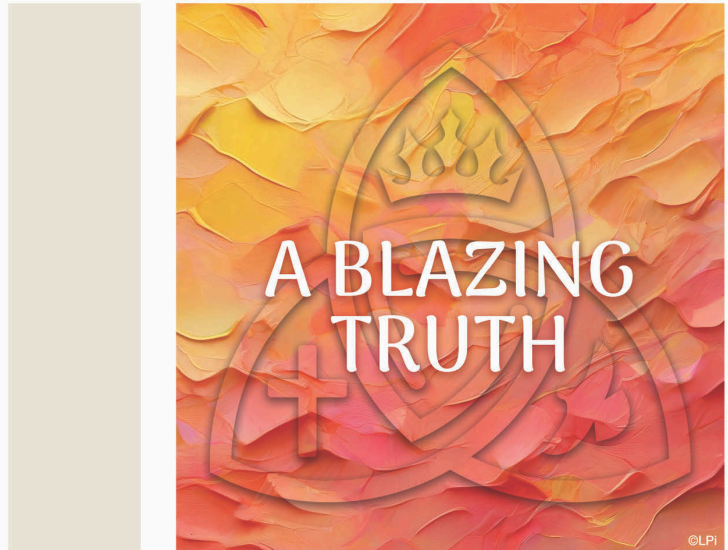
2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/  
Mk 12:38-44

### Next Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-  
20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."** (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *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 30, 2026

4pm

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

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

## Sunday, May 31, 2026

8 am

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

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

## 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, June 3, 2026

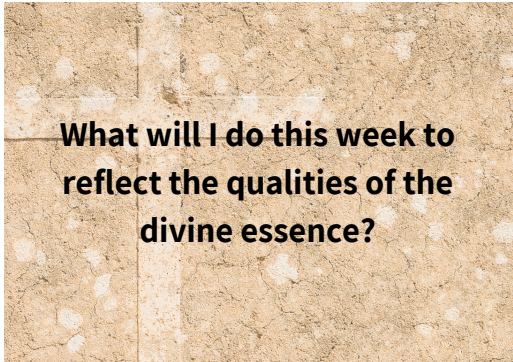
For: The People of the Parish

## 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



What will I do this week to reflect the qualities of the divine essence?

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 6

4p Vigil L. Coleman

Sunday, June 7

8a J. Salomone

10a T. Thomas

D. Spears

Announcer: S. Lucien



## Prayer for the Week

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for Your love, grace, and presence in our lives. Help us to live in faith, walk in unity, and share Your love with others each day.

Draw us ever closer to You and bless us with Your peace. 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 next Sunday at the 10am Mass.
- **CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS** to all who mourn the passing of Bishop John Ricard, Superior General of the Josephites. Bishop Ricard will be funeralized this week and buried later this week in Pensacola. May the angels greet him where God is.
- **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
- 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

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1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HIS EXCELLENCY

*Bishop*  
**John H. Ricard, s.s.j.**  
SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE JOSEPHITE SOCIETY  
FEBRUARY 29, 1940 – MAY 20, 2026

*Funeral Arrangements*

**MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026**  
Visitation Begins at 10 a.m.  
Mass Begins at 11 a.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026**  
Visitation Begins at 10 a.m.  
Mass Begins at 11 a.m.

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*Well done, good and faithful servant.  
Enter into the joy of your master.*  
— MATTHEW 25:21

A FAITHFUL SHEPHERD. A SERVANT LEADER. A MAN OF PRAYER.  
MAY HE REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

ARCHDIOCESAN  
**HOLY HOUR**

*"O God, you are my God,  
for you I long; for you  
my soul is thirsting."  
Psalm 63:62*

THURSDAY,  
JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
6 PM - 7 PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT  
**ST. JOAN OF ARC**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADORATION • PRAYER • WORSHIP

*Celebrating*

**2026**  
*Graduates*

GOSPEL MASS

SUNDAY  
JUNE 7 | 10 AM

at  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
**ST. JOAN OF ARC**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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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QR Code Giving Code

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