



# **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](mailto:bssjaparish@arch-no.org)

Website: [www.bssjaparish.com](http://www.bssjaparish.com)

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

# **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

### Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/  
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

### Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps  
119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

### Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

### Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and  
15/Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Lk 19:41-44

### Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,  
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

### Saturday:

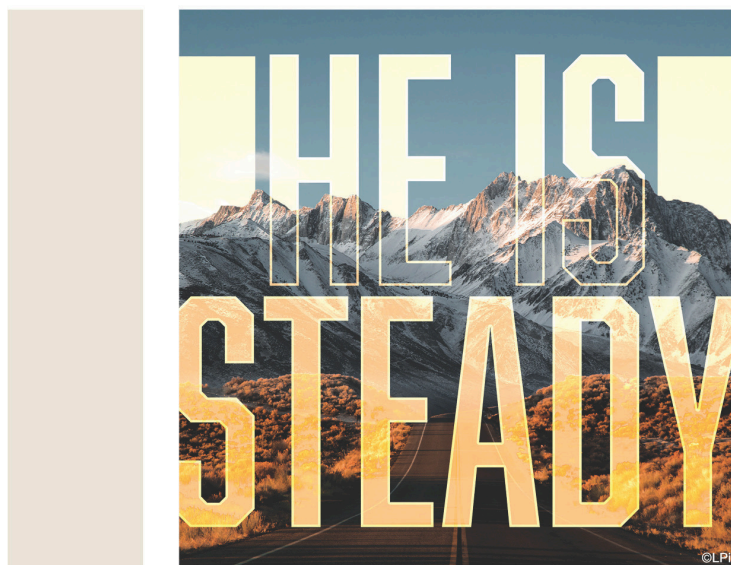
1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/  
Lk 20:27-40

### Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/  
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



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

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— *Father John Muir*



# SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

## 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, November 15, 2025**

**4pm**

**In Memory of:** Dianna Pierre Bell

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**8 am**

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**10 am Gospel Mass**

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

**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., Barbara Blanchard, Loyce Bradshaw, Charles Braneon, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Joyce Coleman, Keith Coleman, Santiago Cooper, Myrna Daniels, Lamar Davis, Beverly Dapremont, Souleymane Diop, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dix, Bonnie Easton, Cameron Fritz, Gilda Griffin, Godfrey Harris, Linda Harris, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, 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, Ralph Rhea, Sr., 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

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**What habits will I now adopt to make sure that I am ready always?**

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

4pm L. Coleman

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

8am R. Mornay

10am T. Gaines

Announcer: M. Green

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **POBOY FESTIVAL** is Sunday, November 16th. Parking will not be available in the school lot. Come support our Parish efforts by volunteering and also purchasing from the Parish Booth. We ask that you please share the information with family and friends. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser to assist and support our Parish needs.
- **PARISH MINISTRIES RETREAT** Get ready for an inspiring and spirit-filled experience! All Ministry Chairs are invited to a special Parish Ministries Retreat on Saturday, November 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Come be renewed, empowered, and connected as we strengthen our ministries and work together to enrich our Parish Life. Your gifts, your presence, and your voice make a difference we hope to see you there!
- **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We've got much to be thankful for!
- **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is a day of Holy Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- **EVENING OF ADVENT** has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. More information to follow.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - This is the last weekend for collection of food donations. As a reminder, St. Vincent de Paul uses the Poor Box for donations to help our parishioners and neighbors in need. Donations can be made directly to the Poor Box or through any member. Your help is truly needed and greatly appreciated.
- **TWELTH NIGHT BALL** - The 35th Annual Twelfth-Night Ball will be held Saturday, January 10, 2026 from 8:00 PM – 12:00 A.M. in the Church Hall. Please see any committee member if you have any questions or to receive a contestant's form.

**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  
 Twyla Rattler | 504.460.8265  
 John Salomone | 504.307.4645  
 Jerry Settle | 901.679.4060  
 Shannon Sims | 504.228.3656  
 Dawn Spears | 504.296.6320  
 Troy Thomas | 504.914.4901  
 Johnnie Tillman | 504.432.6189

## PARISH CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

2 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 3 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p  
 16 Poboy Festival  
 18 Liturgy Meeting 6:30pm  
 22 Parish Ministry Retreat  
 27 Thanksgiving Mass 9:00am

## COLLECTION TEAMS

### NOVEMBER

2 Team 2      9 Team 3  
 16 Team 1      23 Team 2      30 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