



## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.  
- Jn 2:16-17

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# **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, NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

### Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

### Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/  
Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday:

Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/  
Lk 17:7-10

### Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

### Thursday:

Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,  
175/Lk 17:20-25

### Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/  
Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,  
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

### Next Sunday:

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



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"** (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *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 8, 2025**

**4pm**

**In Memory of:** Dianna Pierre Bell

**Sunday, November 9, 2025**

**8 am**

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**10 am Gospel Mass**

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**Wednesday, November 12, 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

**This coming week, how can I let God's grace flow through me to bring life to someone who's porched or empty in come way?**

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

4pm V. Osby

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

8am E. Pierre & C. Pierre

10am A. Frazier

Announcer: R. & L. Berryman



# 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.
- **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Rectory.
- **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** - 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. Additionally, a Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items is occurring through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Consider donating items such as canned milk, broth, vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, cereals, grits, rice, pasta, etc. There will be a designated bin in the vestibule to collect your donations. 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.

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## 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

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