



# **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, OCTOBER 12, 2025**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

### Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/  
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

### Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Lk 11:29-32

### Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

### Wednesday:

Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

### Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
Lk 11:47-54

### Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

### Saturday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Lk 10:1-9

### Next Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see  
2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, **“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”** This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.” Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— *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, October 11, 2025**

**4pm**

**For:** The People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**8 am**

**For:** The People of the Parish

**10 am Gospel Mass**

**For:** The People of the Parish

**Wednesday, October 15, 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

**How can I, like the Samaritan, take the extra step to show my gratitude to God?**

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

4pm W. Squire

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**

8am Holy Name Men

10am A. Luke

Announcer: T. Luke

## Men's Prayer Breakfast QR Code

Purchase your tickets today!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BOOSTER CLUB** is hosting a Hot Sausage PoBoy Sale on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 10am Mass. Your support is appreciated.
- **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEKEND** will be held the weekend of October 25-26. All are asked to wear pink to show support.
- **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.
- **EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE** thanks all who attended last weekend's Coffee and Donut fellowship which featured a display of the Blessed Mother an original art by our own 12-year-old Chase Pierre. A special thank you to those who signed up to be a part of the committee. Everyone is invited to join in spreading the Good News. Please contact Carol Dotson or Emile Pierre if interested in serving.
- **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.
- **KENYA HUGGINS YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP & INVITATIONAL SHOWCASE** sponsored by our own parishioner Kenya Huggins, is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup> at Wesley Barrow Stadium for ages 7-12. The event is free. Registration required. See flyer in vestibule.
- **FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP: FUELED IN TOGETHERNESS** will be celebrated the weekend October 17<sup>th</sup> beginning with the Men's Ministry Breakfast and guest speaker Retired Lt. Gen. Russel Honore on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The celebration continues on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> with Jersey Sunday followed by a Family BBQ Cookout after the 10am Mass. Tickets for both events are on sale from Committee members or online. Prayer Breakfast \$20 and BBQ Cookout, hosted by the Parish Council, is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth 8 and under. The Council will also host a football pool that weekend for the Saints v. Bears game with each square costing \$5 for a chance to win \$75 a quarter. Your support of the pool will assist in defraying the cost of the cookout. See any Parish Council member to play.

**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

### OCTOBER

13 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p  
 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 19 Family Jersey BBQ Cookout  
 25-26 Breast Cancer Awareness

## COLLECTION TEAMS

### OCTOBER

5 Team 1      12 Team 2  
 19 Team 3      26 Team 1

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1-800-273-8255

This is a 24-hour hotline



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