



# **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 26, 2025**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

### Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

### Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

### Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

### Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

### Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

### Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

### Saturday:

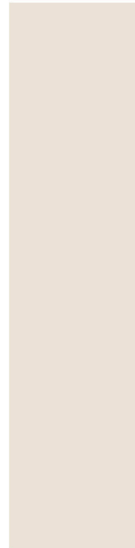
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

### Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: “I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God’s sons and daughters.” His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride’s sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable’s penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might “go home justified.”

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, “Have mercy on us,” during Mass or when we repeat the “Jesus Prayer” in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ’s example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— 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 25, 2025**

**4pm**

**In Memory of:** Dianna Pierre Bell

**Sunday, October 26, 2025**

**8 am**

**For:** Our Parish Family and Families

**10 am Gospel Mass**

**In Memory of:** Artis Turner, Sr.

**Wednesday, October 29, 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

**In what senses am I poor, in need of God's grace? Do I recognize that poverty when I pray?**

## PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

4pm L. Coleman

**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

8am J. Salomone

10am S. Wilson

Announcer: M. Green

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** Interested in serving on the Liturgy Committee? Join us as we look for ways to enhance our worship on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Rectory. Your presence and participation is needed.
- **BOOSTER CLUB** is hosting a Hot Sausage PoBoy Sale on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 8am and 10am Masses. Your support is appreciated.
- **MASS ON ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY** The Parish will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, at a Vigil on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. A Mass for all parishioners, relatives, and friends who have passed away will be celebrated on All Souls Day. We encourage parishioners to include the names of their deceased loved ones in the All Souls book.
- **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.
- **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

### OCTOBER

27 Liturgy Meeting 6:30p  
 31 All Saints Vigil 4p

### NOVEMBER

2 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 3 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p  
 16 Poboy Festival

## 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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