



FAITH

THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday:

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, “I was just doing my job.”

His words brought to mind Jesus’ teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— 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 4, 2025

4pm

For: The People of the Parish

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8 am

For: The People of the Parish

10 am Gospel Mass

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Dorothy Sims Graves, Ruby Sims Lancelin

Wednesday, October 1, 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 can I do this week to be an “unprofitable servant” in God’s eyes?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 11, 2025

4pm J. Robinson

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8am Holy Name Men

10am M. McMorris

Announcer: T. Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BOOSTER CLUB** is hosting a Hot Sausage PoBoy Sale on Sunday, November 2nd 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 in support of those who have passed and survived.
- **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.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD DRIVE** - will be held October 11th - November 16th. Please consider donating non-perishable 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. The contest is underway and we are currently seeking contestants to reign as King, Queen and their royal court. 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 28th 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 17th beginning with the Men's Ministry Breakfast and guest speaker Retired Lt. Gen. Russel Honore on Saturday, October 18th. The celebration continues on Sunday, October 19th 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

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



<https://bssjaparish.weshareonline.org/>

Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952

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