

The Worshipping Community of

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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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
Holy Hour - Wednesdays at 6pm
Bible Study: 508.924.5792 - Thursdays at 6pm
Prayer Line: 508.924.5792 - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at Noon

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19, 2026
4pm
For: Our Parish Family and Families

Sunday, September 20, 2026
8 am
For: Our Parish Family and Families
For the Repose of the Souls of: Ada Tillman & GIrod Tillman, Jr.

10 am Gospel Mass
For: Our Parish Family and Families
For: Terrell, Swain & Hampton Families
For the Repose of the Soul of: Isaiah Preyan, Ada Tillman & Girod Tillman, Jr.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026
For: The People of the Parish

Worship & Observances

Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,
You never cease calling each of us to You.
Be with our OCIA class as we journey to know You better.
Inspire our conversations, guide our lessons, and direct our hearts as each of us seeks Your will.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday
Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday
Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday
Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday
Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday
Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday
Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Observances for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; *National Migration Week*

Wednesday
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday
Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ©LPi

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When have I resented the generosity shown to someone else? When have I failed to realize the generosity shown to me?

Prayer for the Week



Lord Jesus,
teach us to serve with humble and generous hearts. Free us from pride and selfish ambition, and help us celebrate the gifts of others. May we follow Your example by choosing love, unity, and service each day.
Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Diane Austin, Joseph Bates, Jr., Loyce Bradshaw, Charles Braneon, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Gwendolyn Cathcings-Castello, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Dr. Charles Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Keith Coleman, Santiago Cooper, Myrna Daniels, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dix, Bonnie Easton, Cameron Fritz, Linda Grandois, Willie Grandois, Gilda Griffin, Godfrey Harris, Linda Harris, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Joseph James, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Jaylen Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Kaylen Johnson, Ruth Kennedy, Felicia Meyers, Keith Newton, Donna Phillips, Omar Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Calvin Preyan, Joyce Randolph, Deja Rawles, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Jevon Rogers, 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, Marsha Washington, Betty Williams, Farrell Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

PARISH COUNCIL

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COLLECTION TEAMS

SEPTEMBER

6 Team 2
13 Team 3
20 Team 1
27 Team 2

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Sat., September 19
4p Vigil
V. Osby

Sun., September 20
8a
Chase Pierre

10a
A. Frazier & S. Frazier
Announcer: L. Latimore-Jones

Sat., September 26
4p Vigil
L. Coleman

Sun., September 27
8a
R. Mornay

10a
L. Parker-Davis & M. McMorris
Announcer: S. Lucien

PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

1 Liturgy Meeting 6:30pm
12-13 Ministry/Organization Fair
12 OBCM Gospel Fest
14 Parish Council 6:30pm
27 Book Club Meeting
27 St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEN'S MINISTRY** begins our parish voting assistance effort today. We want to remind everyone of the important deadlines for each of the two elections that are happening this fall. Those elections are on November 3rd and December 12th. The first deadline you should mark on your calendar is October 5th, which is the last day to register in person or by mail for the November 3rd election. Feel free to stop by our table after mass for more information concerning the two elections and for assistance accessing voting information. You can also take our contact information if you think you'll need a ride to the polls during early voting or on Election Day. We will be available every weekend between now and the first day of election on November 3rd.

- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY** will hand out Breast Cancer Awareness Pins to the Women & Men of our Parish beginning October 3rd and 4th . We are asking everyone to wear their Breast Cancer Awareness Pin to each Mass throughout the month of October to show support to our families, friends, and our VERY own parishioners who have ENDURED, OVERCOME, or are currently dealing with the challenges of this disease. The Women Ministry Celebrates in Pink and ask that you show your support by wearing your Pin to every Mass and to wear Pink on October 11th. Information about Breast Cancer will be provided in the vestibule of the church.

- **NOTRE DAME HOSPICE** is looking for volunteers to visit patients at facilities in our area, such as Chateau de Notre Dame, located behind the Seminary on Carrolton Avenue, and Audubon Retirement Village on Henry Clay Avenue. Volunteers do not need a medical background, and do not physically handle patients. You would provide companionship: mainly talk with patients or possibly pray with them if desired. If interested, please call the Volunteer Coordinator, Janine Bonner, 504.418.1049. Fliers are in the vestibule of the church.

- **BSSJA BOOK CLUB** All are welcome to join for the first meeting of the BSSJA Book Club! We'll be discussing Pope Leo's recent encyclical, Magnification Humanitas, following 10am Mass next weekend. Meeting will take place in the Convent gathering room for coffee, snacks and fruitful conversation Join us as we discover our individual calls to holiness, our role in community and our understanding of the Church we call home. For more information on how to access the encyclical or to join the group chat, contact Caitlyn Cano at 832.778.0236 or speak with Fr. Linus.

- September is **NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH** - Sickle Cell patients need your help by donating blood or donating monetarily to assist in finding a cure for this painful disease. Please wear red on Sunday, September 27th in recognition of Sickle Cell Survivors/Warriors Month.

- **THE ANNUAL ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK FUNDRAISER** donations will help the BSSJA Conference to replenish its depleted funds. You can donate online at https://runsignup.com/walk4sja.or through members Romona Augillard, Artilyn Luke, Petrina McMorris or Sonya Stinson.. hank you for your support!

- **CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION** Our Parish is seeking assistance from parish ministries quarterly to clean of our sanctuary weekly in preparation for Masses. Ministries will be scheduled on a rotating basis throughout the year. Ministries and parishioners willing to assist are asked to please sign up in the vestibule or contact Emile Pierre (504.236.7336) or John Salomone (504.307.4645).

Parish Ministries & Organizations

Ministry	POC	Telephone
Altar Servers	Byron Sims	504.975.3950
Altar Society	Gloria Parker	504.833.9560
Baptism/RCIA	Romona Augillard	504.722.2639
Beautification		
Bereavement	Byron Sims	504.975.3950
Bible Study	Audie Nero	504.458.7055
Booster's Club	Patrick Anthony	504.715.4961
CCE	David Delio	504.605.8966
CYO	Carol Dotson	504.339.8691
Extraordinary Ministers	Ruth Kennedy	504.482.8240
Evangelization	Emile Pierre	504.236.7336
Family Life	Johnnie Tillman	504.432.6189
Health Ministry	Mary Green	504.782.1317
Holy Name Society	Audie Nero	504.458.7055
Hospitality		
Junior Daughters		
Knights of Peter Claver	Reginald Parquet	504.866.8993
Ladies Auxiliary	Petrina McMorris	504.358.5681
Liturgy	Shannon Sims	504.228.3656
Marriage Ministry	Twyla Rattler	504.460.8265
Men's Ministry	Benny Harris	504.585.2585
Music Ministry	Tyrone Foster	504.722.7812
Parish Council	Kenneth Hayes	504.547.1691
Proclaimers	Mary Green	504.782.1317
Senior Citizens' Group	Freida Howard	985.722.7409
Sick N Shut In		
Sodality of Mary		
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Sonya Stinson	504.343.2689
Twelfth Night Ball	Leatrice Latimore-Jones	504.259.6246
Usher	Patrick Anthony	504.349.0966
Women's Ministry	Treniece Davis	281.844.4225

Proclaimers Additional POC: Shanna Lucien 504.616.4835

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

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 SUPPORT
https://bssjaparish.weshareonline.org/
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QRC Giving Code
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