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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 6:27-38

Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday:

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/
Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven-his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— *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, September 6, 2025

4pm

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Osborne Picou, Sr.

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8 am

For: The People of the Parish

10 am Gospel Mass

For: The People of the Parish and Annunciation Catholic School and Community

Wednesday, September 10, 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, Nathaniel Banks, 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, 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 do I feel challenged by Jesus' demands of discipleship?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4pm J. Robinson

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8am Holy Name Men

10am R. Berryman

Announcer: L. Berryman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH** - September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month. Sickle Cell patients need your help by donating blood or donating monetarily to help find a cure for this painful disease. Please wear red on Sunday, September 21st in recognition of Sickle Cell Survivors/Warriors Month.
- **TWELFTH NIGHT BALL** - The 35th Annual Twelfth-Night Ball will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026 from 8:00 PM – 12:00 A.M. in the Church Hall. The contest will begin on Sunday, September 14, 2025 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.
- **CCE CLASSES** is underway. These classes are a vital part of our parish's mission to nurture the faith of our children and youth. To ensure the success of our program, we are currently seeking dedicated catechists and volunteers to share the faith and guide our young parishioners on their spiritual journey. No prior teaching experience is required – just a love for our faith, a willingness to serve and a heart for our children. Registration forms are in the vestibule.
- **FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP: FUELED IN TOGETHERNESS** will be celebrated the weekend on 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 will go on sale soon. The 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.
- **BOOSTERS** are requesting your support for their upcoming events: Saints Basket Raffle on September 28th. See any member of the Boosters to purchase a ticket.
- **OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES** is now accepting vendor applications for the Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, III Gospel Music Festival on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM at St. Martin de Porres Center, 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans, LA.

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

SEPTEMBER

8 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p
 13 OBCM Gospel Fest
 21 Sickle Cell Awareness Sunday
 28 Booster Raffle

COLLECTION TEAMS

SEPTEMBER

7 Team 3 14 Team 1
 21 Team 2 28 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

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

Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952

QR Code Giving Code

May God's generosity remain in you!



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