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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Friday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: **“Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.”** The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— 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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The intentions 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, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Augustine Cain, Dominique Carter, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Ginny Clark, Bernadine Coco, Joyce Coleman, Santiago Cooper, 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, Ruby Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Kaylen Johnson, Ruth Kennedy, Felicia Meyers, Edgries Moon, Arizona Moore, Keith Newton, Donna Phillips, Omar Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Janice Picou, 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



Saturday, December 28, 2024

4 pm For: The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8 am

In Memory of: Nancy Barabino

10 am Gospel Mass

For: The People of the Parish, Joycelyn Davis, The Banks & Davis Family

In Memory of: Deacon Irvin Stewart, Sr. and Joseph Preyan, III

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How can I help my family be more reflective of the Holy Family? What difficulties stand out in our family life?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Please check the bulletin board in the sacristy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ALTAR SOCIETY** is in need of members to assist with caring for the altar and preparing for celebrations. If you are interested please contact the Rectory.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **2025 12th Night Ball Royal Court!!** King Aiden Frazier and Queen Yvette Frazier along with their Royal Court Steele Reed, John Michael Paz and Ariel Lombard will reign on Saturday, January 11, 2025 over the 34th Annual Twelfth Night Ball. The festivities begin at 8pm. Tickets may be purchased from any Committee member.
- **LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS** The Women's Ministry Brunch has been scheduled for 2025: the date is Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 10 a.m. Future announcements will be forthcoming.

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PARISH CALENDAR

JANUARY

6 Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
 11 12th Night Ball
 19 MLK Celebration 10am
 27 Liturgy Meeting 6:00pm

FEBRUARY

9 Black History Celebration

COLLECTION TEAMS

JANUARY

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



Happy
New Year

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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