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"The Uptown Church with the down home message"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,
27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, **"Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10).** That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), **"But you have kept the good wine until now."** This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— 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, January 18, 2025

4 pm For: The People of the Parish

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8 am

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Nancy Barabino

10 am Gospel Mass

For: The People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

8am

For: The People of the Parish

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Name one spiritual gift that I can identify in myself. How can I use that gift in service of the Lord?

PROCLAIMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 25, 2025

4pm L. Coleman

Sunday, January 26, 2025

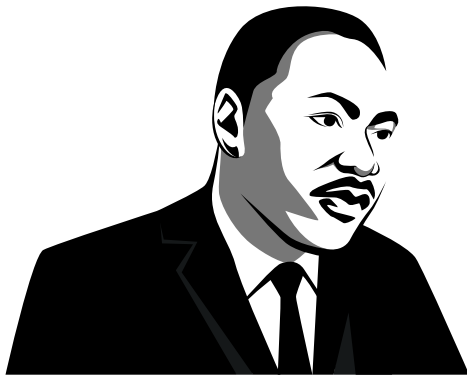
8am J. Salomone

10am L. Parker-Davis

Announcer: M. McMorris

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **THANK YOU!** To all who supported the 34TH ANNUAL TWELFTH NIGHT BALL and celebrated in the revelry with King Aiden Frazier and Queen Yvette Frazier along with their Royal Court – Steele Reed, John Michael Paz and Ariel Lombard.
- **BLACK HISTORY AND FAMILY & FRIENDS CELEBRATION** will be celebrated on Sunday, February 9th. Bring your family and friends to share in the celebration and consider wearing ethnic attire.
- **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.
- **PARISH COUNCIL** has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 pm.



"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase"
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

JANUARY

11 12th Night Ball
11 Senior Group Meeting 10am
19 MLK Celebration 10am
21 Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
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

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Text "GIVEBSSJA" to 800-950-9952

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