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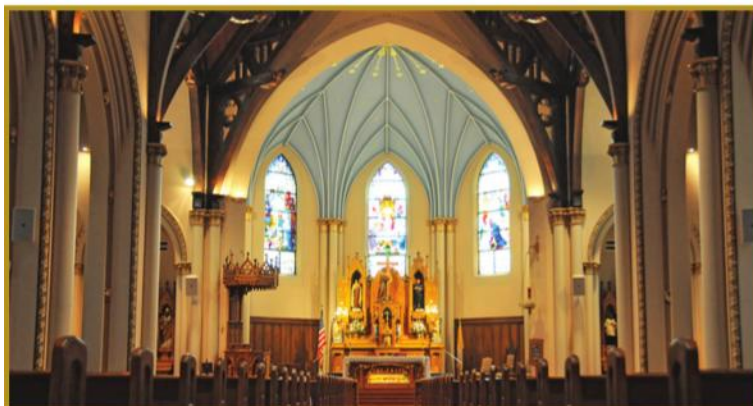
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### PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love.

May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** - Rev. Michael J. Schneller  
**Director of Religious Education** - Christi Schott  
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**Director of Music/Organist** - Thomas D. Wright  
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**Sacristan** - Paul Vetter

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

### NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

### ADORATION

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm - In the Parish Center

### ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Second Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.  
 In the Parish Center

### INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

### MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.



## Uptown Canticle by Father Michael

*The Wiz* is the original 1978 motion picture adaptation of the Broadway musical. In it Evillene sings, “Don’t nobody bring me no bad news.” When someone says to you, “I have bad news and good news which do you want first.” How we answer that question probably depends on the gravity of the situation, our mood and temperament. We might want to get the bad news out of the way so we can enjoy the good. Or we might want the good news first so that it softens the bad.

In today’s gospel from Matthew we encounter this good news-bad news scenario. Jesus definitely gives the bad news first: he will suffer and die. His followers must carry their cross and lose their life for the sake of others. We not only have to hear the bad news before hearing the good news, we also must live the bad news before we receive the best news possible: that we will share in Jesus’ risen life.

If you remember from last week’s gospel Jesus is in Caesarea Philippi. This phase signals a shift in the gospel narrative. Jerusalem and the events that will occur there loom larger. And the teachings of Jesus are directed almost exclusively to the disciples. Jesus has begun a long campaign to teach on the passion and discipleship. The disciples clearly are not yet able to comprehend the revelation they have received, the first of three predictions of his passion and death.

Last week Jesus called Peter “the rock.” This week Jesus calls Peter “Satan.” Talk about an identity crisis! Who really is Peter? Who, really are we? And who wouldn’t recoil, like Peter, when Jesus says that he would suffer greatly...and be killed,” especially when he says that this is also the lot of those who faithfully follow him. Jesus minces no words in this gospel: to be faithful we must deny self, take up our cross, and lose our life.

And what exactly is the cross? The cross is not the illness or any chronic physical problem life inflicts on us, as difficult as it may be to endure the suffering our condition causes. Cross-bearing is a voluntary act of discipleship, not the bearing of something that befalls us in situations over which we have no control or befalls us because of situations we have foolishly brought on ourselves.

Cross-bearing always involves the “picking up” part or the “taking up” part. The cross is something we choose. We can pass the cross or leave it behind – and leave Jesus behind as well. Or we can stop, pick up the cross and follow Jesus. Find a cross and pick it up. Perhaps the cross is befriending and loving a difficult person in your life. Perhaps it is blessing and praying for those who say all manner of things against you. Perhaps it is overcoming whatever prejudices dwell within us. Perhaps it is refusing to back down in face of injustices and evil. The cross is placing the good of another above our own needs or interests.

In his letter to the Romans St. Paul calls us into a daily struggle and lays out the cross-bearing challenge differently. He writes, “offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...Do not conform yourselves to this age.” No one wants to be an oddball. Yet we are called to be countercultural, to think, speak, and act differently from what popular opinion, or even common sense, requires. Fidelity in marriage, honesty in business, preferential option for the poor, a welcoming attitude toward strangers and immigrants, a reliance on nonviolent means of settling disputes – following these and other Christian ideals does not make us popular with neighbors. They do not form the platforms of our political parties. They do not necessarily win friends and influence people. When have you felt pressured to conform or not to “make waves”? How have you resisted mindless conformity? Have you ever sensed that a decision or commitment you made for the sake of the gospel would bring you hardship or suffering, as Jesus predicted it would for him? How have you been compensated for your sacrifices?

We must remember the bad news-good news demands of the gospel as we remain faithful to being Jesus’ disciples. We always need to hear Jesus’ whole message about the paschal mystery: we must lose our life in order to find it. We can’t “deny ourselves” without understanding the extent of the egocentric culture in which we live. It’s all about “Me” and my needs and wants. We live in a country called “Me.” We must live in the country of “You.” You come first, your needs are paramount. We live to make certain that You are cared for, that You are honored and respected and that You are whole and healthy in every way. The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and the passing of hurricanes Marco and Laura are wakeup calls that we do live in a country of “You.”

## Uptown Canticle - continued

St. Paul calls us to stand firm in rejecting conformity to the false values of the age. Not taking up the cross to follow Jesus is like being a Who Dat Saints fan but unwilling to wear a Saints T-shirt in public. When have you experienced life coming from dying to yourself? In the midst of the challenges and difficulties of faithfully following Jesus, when have you felt God's loving strength? In "dying" to ourselves we become something greater. In letting go of the temporary and the fleeting we become richer. In the suffering we endure we become stronger. In the failures we experience we become wiser. Grace is to discover the fullness of what our lives can be in "losing" our self-centeredness and discovering our lives' joy in seeking happiness and blessedness for others.

Join us this weekend either in person or by live stream to celebrate the good news-bad news question of discipleship. In the holy Eucharist, Jesus holds nothing back and invites us to do the same. Whatever suffering and death we embrace, we know it includes sharing in Jesus' risen life. You can reserve a seat either by calling Teresa, in the parish office or visiting our website: <https://www.stfrancisuptown.com/mass-rsvp>. In making a reservation for mass, please observe the guidelines in this bulletin and on our parish website. If you are not a registered parishioner, use this occasion to be among the members of the flock of St. Francis of Assisi. You can register on our website [www.stfrancisuptown.com](http://www.stfrancisuptown.com)

For those parishioners we cannot accommodate in the church or who are fearful to gather with us, Archbishop Aymond has given permission to distribute Holy Communion after mass outdoors. He strongly suggested that we not give Holy Communion to people in vehicles. He recommends that we do so outside where people can form a communion line and observe social distancing. Therefore, after each mass, weather permitting, I will be available to distribute Holy Communion in the front lawn of the rectory. I suggest that as you approach me to receive the Body of Christ you pray the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father.

Please remember that Archbishop Aymond has dispensed the people of the Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If someone is vulnerable and not feeling well, that should not celebrate Mass in church with other people. Baptisms, Weddings and funerals is limited to 100 worshipers. This number will increase gradually.

We will continue to live stream the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday from church. Daily mass in church. Monday, Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am and Tuesday at 6:00 pm. No reservation is necessary for daily mass. We will no longer live stream daily mass.

### General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

**Entering & Leaving:** All entrances are open. Church pews are marked and roped off. When Mass has ended, please do not gather in groups outside of church or in the parking lot. Continue to maintain social distancing.

**During Mass: Wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.** Be mindful of social distancing and maintain 6 feet of distance from others at all times. For our weekend Masses, a worship aid will be available at the entrances. You may place your regular offering for support and other collections in the baskets in the center aisle and side doors. The Offertory procession is omitted. We can express the sign of peace by means of a smile and/or nod of the head.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** Bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion. During the distribution of Holy Communion, form a single line and observe the social distancing blue lines on the floor of the aisles. We ask everyone to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. You will receive the Body of Christ in the form of bread only. When approaching the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, place your hand flatly atop the other and fully extend your arm toward the priest or minister who will place the Host on your hand in a manner to avoid any contact with your hand.

### CATHOLIC LENS SERIES: LIVING THE GOSPEL IN A FRACTURED CULTURE

Join us! The Catholic Community Foundation and Notre Dame Seminary are co-hosting the Fall 2020 Catholic Lens Series: Living the Gospel in a Fractured Culture. In the four-part series, speakers will explore the foundational principles that guide our Catholic mission of unity in the world and bring a message of hope and encouragement.

The first event, Developing a Catholic Lens: The Church as a "Creative Minority," takes place on Wednesday, September 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. You may attend the series in-person or virtually. In-person events will be held at Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary, and they will be socially-distanced with a 100 attendee maximum per event.

Registration is required:  
<https://ccfnola.org/events>

Questions? Please contact Dr. Susie Veters at [sveters@ccfnola.org](mailto:sveters@ccfnola.org) or 504.596.3042.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Support totals for the weekend of August 22-23 and August 29-30 will be posted on the weekend of September 5-6.

Your generosity in the area of Church support as always is greatly appreciated.

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Composed by: **St. Alphonsus Liguori - 19th Century**

### A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up the topic of the cross to his followers. They would not realize the cross was part of God's plan and was to be their legacy until after the Resurrection. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross; that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost. In the midst of the uncertain times we live in, what crosses do we bear in order to reveal God's glory?



## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, August 29 - 4:00pm** - Nancy Clare McCann, Robert McIntyre, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Julia Pansano, Margaret Fanning, Henry Schorr

**SUNDAY, August 30 - 9:30am** - Parishioners

**11:30am** - Betsie Melancon, Juanita Herndon, Floyd Krennerich, Margaret Fanning, Charmaine Matthews

**MONDAY, August 31** - All Souls Book of Remembrance

**TUESDAY, September 1** - Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock

**WEDNESDAY, September 2** - Margaret Fanning

**THURSDAY, September 3** - Shirley Landry

**FRIDAY, September 4** - Lucille M. Melancon

### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Sunday</b>	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
<b>Monday</b>	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday</b>	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

### Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Glenn Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, James Ira Ford, Jr., Evelyn Francioni, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Lynn Middleton, Jeff Mitchener, John "Junior" Morreale, Joy Morton, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Nancy Williams, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant and Poydras Homes and Lambeth House.

*O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.*



### Church Sanctuary Lamp

Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns  
this week in memory of

**Victims of Natural Disasters**





## St. Francis of Assisi Parish School of Religion (CCD)

Registration now open for  
the 2020-2021 school year.

St. Francis' PSR program offers a variety of opportunities for children to learn and grow in their faith and provides religious instruction to children not currently enrolled in Catholic school and to those preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. We invite you and your child to be a part of our School of Religion family! **Registration is available online at:** <https://stfrancisuptown.com/registration-form>

### Elementary/Middle School PSR

Open for children in **Kindergarten—8<sup>th</sup> grade** who are currently not attending Catholic schools. Classes will begin September 13. A parent meeting will be held online this Sunday, August 30 from 10:45-11:20am.

### High School PSR

Open to students in **9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher** who do not attend Catholic school and wish to be confirmed. Classes are held twice per month on Sunday evenings. For the Fall 2020 semester classes will meet virtually via Zoom.com. A parent meeting will be held online on Sunday, September 20 from 6:00-7:00pm.

Please register your child as soon as possible to help us plan for the upcoming year. Catholic school students preparing for first Eucharist (2nd grade) and Confirmation (10th grade) are also able to register at this time. **The Archdiocese requires one year prior of religious education or Catholic school before first Eucharist (beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade).**

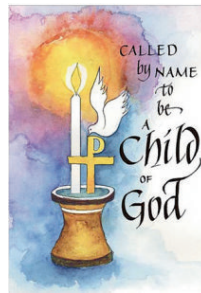
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### Adult Confirmation

Adult classes for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin Monday, September 14 and meet for five weeks. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Francis on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00pm. If you are over 18, are a practicing Catholic, and have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but were never confirmed, for more information contact Christi Schott at [cschott@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuptown.com).

## Baptisms



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### RCIA

*The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*

"My heart is restless until it rests in you O God."  
St. Augustine



### Interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process for initiation into the Catholic Church and an opportunity for those interested in becoming Catholic to explore the life and teachings of Christ through prayer, study, reflection, and community. Classes will begin September 8 and meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm

For more information please contact Christi Schott at [cschott@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuptown.com) or (504) 891-4479.

### Catechists (Teachers) Needed!

St. Francis' Parish School of Religion is in immediate need of catechists and substitute catechists for the elementary and high school programs. Training and materials are provided. Please consider if God is calling you to this rewarding ministry! All volunteers must complete a Safe Environment training and background check. For more information, contact Christi Schott at [cschott@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuptown.com) or 227-3765.

## Breaking Open the Readings

### First Reading



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 20:7-9

### Speak Up

When you know you are right, you can keep speaking the truth, even in the face of opposition. If you have not thought enough about the right thing to do, you are in danger of being influenced to do something else. If your need for acceptance is stronger than your need for doing right, you will surrender to beliefs opposed to your own. But when you know you are right, and when it becomes a matter of expressing who you are and what you believe, you cannot give in. You have to speak up. You have to keep on going, even when others do not support you anymore.

Jeremiah the prophet, in his prayer, has heard God's Word, but when he speaks it, people deride him. He tries being quiet, not telling the message God has given him, a message that expresses outrage against the misdeeds of his companions. But when he tries to remain silent, the Word of God becomes like a fire burning in his heart. He cannot keep it in. It must come out.

It is not easy to speak God's Word. To hold it in becomes unbearable. To speak it creates enemies. But only the truth brings inner peace.

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### Second Reading



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Romans 12:1-2

### Mindful of God

The world wants your mind. Advertisers want your business. Companies want your allegiance. Ball teams want your loyalty. Designers want you wearing their clothes. Car dealers want you driving their vehicles. Hollywood wants you to be promiscuous. Politicians convince you they will make you happier and wealthier. The world wants your mind.

The Christian message battles hard against the influences of this world. Love for one's neighbor means sharing with those who have less. The doctrine of forgiveness means making peace with enemies. The call to prayer means Sundays are for worship. It is a hard message to sell in a world that wants your mind.

St. Paul tells the Romans, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God."

If we are to detach ourselves from the temptations of this world, we must attach ourselves to the will of God. We discern the will of God by the renewal of our minds.

How can you do that? How can you find strength to be loyal to God above the lures of the world? God will help you in mercy, but God asks for something in return: the sacrifice of your very selves, the willingness to please God by your actions. God wants your mind too.

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For more information on how to pray with scripture and ways to incorporate the daily scripture readings into your life, please visit <https://bible.usccb.org/> (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).



*St. Francis of Assisi*  
**"Shine the Light" Project**



We are asking families, couples and individuals to submit a video (no longer than 10 seconds) or poster/picture of why you love St. Francis of Assisi. Consider what makes St. Francis of Assisi special and how we "Shine the Light" of Christ. Videos & pictures will be considered for inclusion in a video in conjunction with our Feast and Family Day Celebration and will be highlighted on social media.

By submitting your videos and or pictures, you are consenting to its use on social media.

For questions, contact Melisa Rey at [familylife@stfrancisuptownt.com](mailto:familylife@stfrancisuptownt.com) or 504.227.3766.

Videos should be no longer than 10 seconds. Send videos, photos or pictures to Melisa Rey.



**Mothers Prayers Group**

Meets *Virtually thru Summer*  
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**Join us in prayer for children/grandchildren**

For more information contact Melisa Rey  
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**Additional resources are available at these sites, including:**

- Free boxes of food
- Free health and safety kits with face masks and hand sanitizer
- Information about housing, employment and other social services

\* Testing is non-invasive.

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**Love Life Amendment**

**Vote YES on the pro-life amendment to the Louisiana Constitution!**

**Vote Yes on Nov. 3, 2020!**

**What's the Love Life Amendment?**

In Louisiana, we love babies and their mothers. Sadly, 13 other states have protected abortion in their state constitutions. By passing the Love Life Amendment, we will protect life by making sure there is no right to abortion or the funding of abortion in the Louisiana Constitution.

**When is the Vote?**

The Love Life Amendment will be on the ballot on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the same day as the Presidential election. Vote YES on 11/3/2020!

**Learn More & Take Action**

- Visit [LoveLifeVoteYes.com](http://LoveLifeVoteYes.com)
- Text LOVELIFE to 77222
- Follow Us @LoveLifeVoteYes
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