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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Sunday of Lent, April 14, 2019

ST. JOSEPH

76950 Gum Street
 Grosse Tete, LA 70740

HOLY MASS:

Sunday: 9:00am

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

11140 Highway 77
 Maringouin, LA 70757

HOLY MASS:

Saturday: 4:00pm
 Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

3523 LA. Highway 78
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HOLY MASS:

Sunday: 11:00am

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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE TRIPARISHES

MON	Post-Mass	Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit	
TUE	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	
	9:00am	The Holy Rosary	Home of Ruby Hafford
	4:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	St. Joseph Parish Hall
WED	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph	
	6:00pm	The Holy Rosary	St. Catherine of Siena Mission
THU	Post-Mass	Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations	
FRI	Post-Mass	Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday 7:00pm at St. Joseph

Good Friday Station of the Cross at 11:15am followed by Veneration of the Cross at 12 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Easter Vigil at 8:30pm at St. Frances

Easter Morning Masses

7:00am at St. Joseph
 9:00am at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 11:00am at St. Frances

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of April 14, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Dr. James O'Neal
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Daisy Ward
St. Frances: In loving memory of Joseph C. Doucet, Sr.
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Larry Doucet

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph C. Doucet, Sr. died April 2, 2019 and was interred in St. Joseph Cemetery.

*Eternal rest Grant unto him, O Lord,
 And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.*

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

This weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday. Initially, this took place at the conclusion of the week of Passiontide, marked by Passion Sunday. After 1970, these two celebrations were joined together on the same Sunday marking the beginning of Holy Week. "Passion" is a word that we usually only consider in a deeply romantic sense, and yet we see that this is not completely foreign when we consider this final movement of Jesus' earthly life to Calvary. The Latin word that we know as "passion" is the past participle of "pati" which means to "endure, undergo, or experience." So, when we speak of Christ's Passion, we're talking about what He endured from the moment He entered Jerusalem to the sounds of Hosanna! until He breathed His last on the cross. While the Latin word is incredibly old, stretching back well before the 9th Century A.D., it's common usage to denote strong emotional or even sexual desire in its extreme modern definition didn't really materialize until the 1590s.

If we see Jesus' desire to fulfill His mission to take our sins upon Himself, suffer, and die in order that we might be caught up into the life of God once more, slaves no longer to sin and death, these notions of a willingness to die for us and a strong-felt desire for that plan to come about are well expressed in the fullness that the word "passion" has come to take on through the centuries. It is with this understanding of "The Passion" that we enter into this week we call Holy, because it stands as the principal week of our Christian observance leading up to the greatest feast of the year: Easter.

As you come to Mass and hear the account of Jesus' Passion read, and as you wave your palm branches in the air because we know without a doubt that Jesus is our King, are you willing to walk the road with Him this week? Can you make the journey to Calvary with Him in your daily life even if it means suffering? Can you suffer the taunts of a world that says endurance is unnecessary in this age of science and technology? Are you willing to endure your own passion with Jesus?

If so, then rejoice as Jesus does from the cross that the faithful who cry out to Him and live for Him alone will be with Him in Paradise. If not, then may I suggest making this Holy Triduum — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Solemn Vigil of Easter — a time of asking the Lord for the grace to walk with Him, so that Easter may not just be a day you celebrate on the calendar, but also a constant goal and hope for everyday. I'll be right there with you, asking for the grace to endure, to offer life as a sacrifice to God, and to hope for God's plan to unfold in my own life.

Pax,

Fr. Chris



UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Shriver

Any youth 14 years of age or older who is interested in helping with Special Olympics the week of June 3rd - 7th the deadline to register is April 17th.

Steubenville on the Bayou

Come celebrate your faith with hundreds of youth on June 14 – 16, 2019 in Houma, Louisiana. Deadline to register is April 10th. For youth 8th grade and up.

Call Peggy at the Parish Office if interested or for more details.

ST. FRANCES



God's Housekeepers Needed

If anyone would be interested in getting a group together to clean St. Frances Church once a week for a month please call Peggy at the Parish office. The months available are March, April, May, June and October.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR APRIL 7, 2019 WILL BE POSTED IN APRIL 21, 2019 BULLETIN

Second Collection
April 19, 2019 Holy Land
April 21, 2019 Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priest
April 28, 2019 Catholic Home Mission

A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a Church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

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RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) is celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday from 3:00—3:45pm. If you'd like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation outside the scheduled time, please call the office to arrange a time with the priest.

MARRIAGE Couples are asked to contact the priest at least six months before the desired date.

BAPTISM Celebrated on the 3rd weekend of each month. A Baptismal Seminar is required before a baptism can be properly scheduled. Please contact the parish office during early months of pregnancy.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Please call the parish office to arrange for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL DINNER

Mark your calendar: The annual Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Parish Hall. More information will be forthcoming.



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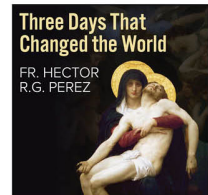
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Three Days That Changed the World

By Fr. Hector R.G. Perez

Enter into the Triduum

Go alongside Jesus in the final hours of his public ministry as he brings to fulfillment the very purpose of his Incarnation: the salvation of all mankind. Insights into those last three days offer a moving look into the loving heart of Christ.



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