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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 21, 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
 Livonia, LA 70755-0128

HOLY MASS:

Sunday: 11:00am

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA MISSION

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 Fardoche, LA 70732

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Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary

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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2019

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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	

TriParish Pastoral Center will be closed Monday, April 22nd thru Friday, April 26th. There will be no morning mass that week. In case of emergency, call Elsie Thompson at 225-776-7432.

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of April 21, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Eric Matherne
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Florence Chauffe
St. Frances: In loving memory of Keith Spragis by Angie Bouy
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Martin Gros

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR APRIL 7, 2019
APRIL 14TH & 21ST COLLECTION WILL BE POSTED
IN THE APRIL 28TH BULLETIN**

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection	\$2545.00
Maintenance Fund	\$656.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection	\$1,727.77
Maintenance Fund	\$1,503.00

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Offertory Collection	\$3,009.00
Maintenance Fund	\$897.00

Second Collection s
April 21, 2019 Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priest
April 28, 2019 Catholic Home Mission

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Happy Easter!

As the light breaks on Easter Morning, I'd like to imagine what the stone rolling away from the inside must have been like for Our Lord. He always trusted in His Father's Will and yet must have been filled with such joy when His time of laying in the depths of the earth was complete. It meant not only that God is ever faithful, but also carries through with his promise to save all humanity from eternal sadness and decay. As His body met the light of the sun mingling with the brilliance of His own glory, Jesus could only have been filled with the excitement of a child as he folded up the burial bands and face cloth of the sacred shroud. Out he would go, to begin appearing to the downcast and to the still-hopeful. And onward to tell of the promised Holy Spirit that was soon to be sent so that God could continue and complete the work of gathering people to Himself.

There is so much joy and excitement inherent in this holy day! Further, in the sacred liturgies of the Church, we celebrate Easter Day for an octave — eight full days — to share in the exhilaration of Jesus and indeed the whole Blessed Trinity. The people who walked in darkness have now seen a great light, and He is The Light in a dark world. Now, you and I must take up this bearing of the Light of Christ past the doors of our parish church. Jesus left the tomb as promised and because of that our lives were not just changed then, but they also have the capacity to undergo continual transformation in our present day. As you spend this Holy Day with your family and loved ones, may the peace and the unbridled joy of our Lord catch fire within you. May the stones rolled across the door of the heart roll away! May the veil drawn down in Lenten Penance now give way to a time of feasting! May the disciplines and turning away from sin observed in those 40 days now give way to a new resolve to be a saint!

May God richly bless you and your family as we begin this new season of grace. Happy Easter from Fr. Amrit and myself, as well as our entire TriParishes Staff.

Christos Anesti! Alethos Anesti!
(Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!)

Fr. Amrit



**St. Frances Ladies Altar Society
Mother's Day Raffle**

The St. Frances Ladies will raffle a Mother's Day basket filled with pampering items, candles, gift cards, and much more. Tickets will start selling the weekend of April 27th and 28th. Cost will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing will be held on Mother's Day. Help support our Ladies.

**Silent Retreat for Women Only at the New Orleans Retreat Center
(formerly known as the Cenacle)**

May 17 – 19, "Holiness Is Next Door"
with Father Simeon Gallagher as the Presider

May 31 – June 2, "Finding God in the Now! Every Day Experience"
with Rev. Jim Sichko as the presider.

Cost is \$350 but they will accept a minimum of \$250. If interested please call Peggy at the Parish Office and she will get you in touch with the Team Captains, JoNell Doucet and Cindy Steib.



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 May 1st.. Contact Peggy Champagne at the TriParish Office at 225-625-2438.

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
SAVE THE DATE—JULY 27, 2019**

WINE—Women in the New Evangelization. Ignite your Spirit! Join joyful women for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship & fun. Speakers: Kelly Wahlquist, Teresa Tomeo & Gloria Purvis. Conference will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in St. Amant, LA on Saturday, July 27, 2019.

St. JOSEPH /ROSEDALE LION'S CLUB FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, April 28th, starting 10:00am at the Lion's Club in Grosse Tete. Cost of dinner is \$7.00 per plate.

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is risen it is true! Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest or religious, 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

Please join us on Sunday, May 5, 2019 for our Annual Family Festival Bar-B-Que dinner in the Parish Hall. Starting at 10:00am to 1:30pm. Dinner cost is \$8.00 per plate.

There will also be:
Cake & Sweet Booth
Cold drinks & beer Booth
Bingo starting at 12noon
Face Painting for the children
Children's raffle
Money raffle tickets:
1st Place—\$1000.00
2nd Place—\$100.00
3rd Place—\$50.00

We thank you for your continued support in all capacities!!!

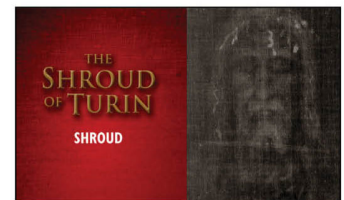
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