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



Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 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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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5, 2019

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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	

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of May 5, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Laura Neal DuPree Williams
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Smoke Guerin
St. Frances: In loving memory of Marie Antoinette Kapfer Gueho by St. Frances Ladies Altar Society
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Floyd James "Polka Dot" Sonnier by St. Frances Ladies Altar society

IN MEMORIAM

Floyd James Sonnier died April 17, 2019 and was interred in St. Frances Cemetery

Marie Antoinette Kapfer Gueho died April 24, 2019 and was interred in St. Frances Cemetery.

Douglas Talbot died April 24, 2019 and was interred in St. St. Frances Cemetery.

Laura Neal DuPree Williams died April 26, 2019 and was interred in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery.

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

A VOCATION VIEW

Peter made a choice to return to his old job before Jesus stepped back into his life. Is God calling you out of your comfort zone and away from your profession to follow him as a priest, brother, or sister? If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Easter Greetings!

Eastertide is surely the most beautiful season of the liturgical year, even surpassing the joy of Christmas. While Christ is born at Christmas, we are reborn in His Resurrection on Easter morning. Further, the entire treasury of grace is opened to us in the Sacraments of the Church, born from the wounds of Jesus. In fact, you'll remember that Divine Mercy Sunday is a celebration of this reality: the blood and water flowing from the side of Christ on the cross are signs of The Most Holy Eucharist and of Baptism, the saving and sustaining Sacraments offered through Christ's Church.

For this reason, it's common to celebrate with our children who have achieved the age of discretion (which, in Canon Law, is the age of 7) the reception of their First Holy Communion. This is the first dose, if you will, of what St. Ignatius of Antioch calls "The Medicine of Immortality". For this is what we believe about The Eucharist. It not only brings us together as Christians partaking one holy food, but because it is Christ's Body and Blood really and truly, also has the power to communicate grace to the soul. The grace it gives is that which makes us more and more like Jesus, it elevates our mortal nature more and more towards immortality. That which Baptism begins is sustained by regular reception of Holy Communion.

Interestingly enough, for many centuries it wasn't common for children (or anyone for that matter) to receive Holy Communion every Sunday. There were customs in place that, perhaps out of a desire to maintain the importance of the Eucharist, all but forbade Catholics to present themselves for Holy Communion more frequently than once annually! Beginning in 1905, Pope St. Pius X encouraged more frequent reception of the Eucharist, as often as daily, providing that a person was not conscious of serious (mortal) sin. This is, of course, why we still today celebrate First Reconciliation with our young before their First Communion and continue to require Sacramental Confession before presenting themselves to receive the Eucharist.

Over the next few weeks as we observe these little ones, often dressed in white and adorned as though for a wedding, that we are called to remember our own first encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. For this is a true wedding of the pure, young soul to Jesus. It is a joining of our mortal nature to the immortality of Christ. It is a sure reminder to make sure our souls are properly disposed to receive The Lord, that we may desire above all things to remain with Him not only at Mass, but also in the world where we encounter much that is not of God.

Congratulations to all of our young people and also to you their parents and guardians, who are called to guard their hearts still against the glamor of evil. May your families grow stronger and more beautiful with The Eucharist in the center of your lives!

Christus Resurrexit Sicut Dixit, Alleluia! (Christ is Risen as He Said, Alleluia!)

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection April 21, 2019	\$1,580.00
Offertory Collection April 28, 2019	\$77.00
Holy Land	\$121.00
Retirement for Diocesan Priest	\$487.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection April 21, 2019	\$1,800.00
Offertory Collection April 28, 2019	\$1,776.00
Holy Land	\$149.73
Retirement for Diocesan Priest	\$116.00

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Offertory Collection April 21, 2019	\$2,971.00
Offertory Collection April 28, 2019	\$1,885.00
Holy Land	\$133.00
Retirement for Diocesan Priest	\$596.00

Second Collection
Catholic Commentator
May 12, 2019

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.

**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. Cost will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing will be held on Mother’s Day. Help support our Ladies.

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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!!!

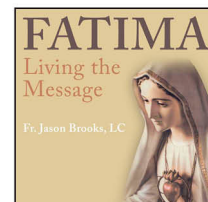
FORMED PICK

Fatima: Living the Message

By Fr. Jason Brooks

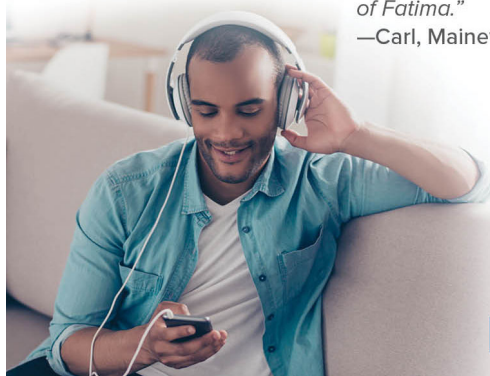
Heed Your Mother’s Advice

Fr. Jason Brooks brings to light why Fatima is regarded by many as the most important spiritual event of the past 100 years and why Our Lady’s message is still as relevant as ever.



“I thought I knew the story of Fatima well, but this gave even MORE insight into the message and meaning of Our Lady of Fatima.”
—Carl, Maineville, OH

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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.