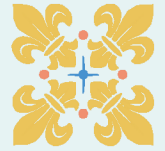


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 26, 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**

4324 Railroad Avenue  
 Fardoche, LA 70732

**THE TRIPARISH PASTORAL CENTER**

Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary

225.625.2438 : phone

225.625.3513 : fax

225.308.9726 : emergency

pastoralcenter@triparishes.org : email

www.triparishes.org : web

**THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2019**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or  
 Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for  
 Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
 Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
 Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;  
 Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension,  
 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or

**DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE TRIPARISHES**

<b>MON</b>	Post-Mass	Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit	
<b>TUE</b>	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
<b>WED</b>	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph	
	6:00pm	The Holy Rosary	St. Catherine of Siena Mission
<b>THU</b>	Post-Mass	Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations	
<b>FRI</b>	Post-Mass	Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	

**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of May 26, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of James O'Neal  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Darlene Arnold  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Keith Spragis by Angie Bouy  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Patsy Romero by Imogene Giordano



**Memorial donations**

**St. Joseph Memorial Donation:** In loving memory of John B. Bayham, Tom, Peggy & Pat Donahue, Jacques & Audrey deTarnowsky & Audrey Nett by Richard & Danielle deTarnowsky; In loving memory of Marietta Easterly by Mary Frances Jarreau.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

The new commandment of love is required of every one who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the command? If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR MAY 19, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Offertory Collection \$985.00

**St. Joseph**

Offertory Collection \$1,039.00

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

Offertory Collection \$2,695.00

**THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY**

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

Last weekend, the Acts of the Apostles saw Paul and Barnabas visiting early communities that we would know today as a diocese. These were the local churches established by their authority as Apostles. In each of those churches, the scriptures tell us that they encouraged the people and appointed elders to ministers to their needs. The word translated as "elder" is the Greek word presbyter from which we get the English word "priest". These are men who were ordained by the Apostles into the role of an elder or "father" of a church which they founded. These early priests were thus appointed to care for the souls in these the early churches and to extend the apostles' ministry in that place. This included celebration of the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, and the various charitable works for the poor, the widows, and orphans. This weekend we continue that legacy in our own diocese. Two men will be ordained to the priesthood in a line of unbroken succession from the Apostles, which is represented in our own Bishop Duca, reaching all the way back to St. Peter himself in the person of the pope. If you've never been to an ordination, it's quite a beautiful liturgy which recalls all of these realities. The priest is ordained to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to pray for the people in his care, and to live by worthy example a life dedicated to God. Please pray for Deacon John Vu and Deacon Tim Grimes as they are ordained priests of Jesus Christ! May God give them the Joy of the Gospel and zeal for leading souls to Him!

Pax,

**Congratulations to our 1st Eucharist Candidates**

**St. Frances**

Ava Babin  
 Sophia Bourgoyne  
 Colton Canezaro  
 Ryan Chenevert  
 Allison Cilano  
 Maggie David  
 Makenzie David  
 Isabella Giordano  
 Trevor Glosup  
 Dylan Hadley  
 Ainsley Hernandez  
 Abby Jarreau  
 Bentley Jarreau  
 Vayda LaCombe  
 Rynn Langlois  
 Mason Savoie  
 Hayden Templeton

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

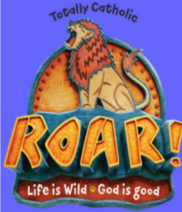
Chance Armster  
 Hunter Moreau  
 Paul Rochester, III  
 Kay'lei Thomas

**St. Joseph**

Madison Gilliam  
 Anna Sexton  
 Jackson Vallet

**Made for Greatness!**  
Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

**TriParish Vacation Bible School**



This year our VBS programs will be at St. Frances from July 8th—12th and at Immaculate Heart of Mary from July 15th—19th. You can register online at [www.triparishes.org/vbs](http://www.triparishes.org/vbs). Cost is \$10 per child. We are also looking for volunteers, who can also register online.



**INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE CAMP**

This is a week long camp from Monday, June 24th, through Saturday, June 29th. This is a week of prayer, sacrifice and service. For more information or if interested call Peggy at the Parish Office. Deadline to register is June 13th.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**SAVE THE DATE—JULY 13, 2019**

Women's retreat is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th, at St. Helena in Amite starting at 9:00am and ending with Mass at 4:00pm. The topic is the Holy Mass. Cost is \$35 plus cost of food. Call the Parish Office for more information or to register.

**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.

**CLERGY, STAFF, & SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

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**TRIPARISHES GRADUATES**



The Ladies Auxiliary Court 119 of Saint Peter Claver would like to acknowledge our TriParish Graduates of 2019. There will be a reception at Immaculate Heart of Mary in their honor after Mass on Saturday, June 8. Forms are at the entrances of each church.

**Please fill one out and return as soon as possible.**

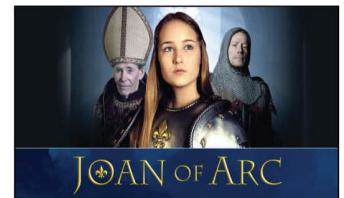
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**  
**Have a Good Marriage? Want to have a Great, Exciting & Romantic One?** Why settle for merely good when you can have the exciting and romantic relationship you both dreamed about just a few years ago? Now is the time to reach out for more and attend a session on June 21-23, 2019 at the **Bishop Robert E Tracy Center in Baton Rouge**. You can register online at [www.LAMS-wwme.org](http://www.LAMS-wwme.org) or by calling Matt & Gail Quinn at 813-548-1655.

**FORMED PICK**

**Joan of Arc**

**See Trust and Faith in Action**

Join the adventure of the legendary warrior and saint, Joan of Arc, who, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed.



*"Inspires perseverance in times of difficulty despite great obstacles."*

—Joe D., Attleboro, MA

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.