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



Pentecost Sunday June 9, 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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225.625.3513 : fax

225.308.9726 : emergency

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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2019

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
 Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

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 June 9, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Rhonda Pourciau
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Charlie Taylor
St. Frances: in loving memory of Sue Guidroz
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Victor Zito

A VOCATION VIEW

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. May some of our parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, brothers and sisters. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry 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 JUNE 2, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1,734.00
 Maintenance Fund \$1,061.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$4,316.00
 Maintenance Fund \$1,138.00

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Offertory Collection \$2,104.00
 Maintenance Fund \$727.00

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Hello All!

Do you remember the day of your Confirmation? For some of us, the date comes up in the mind without fail. For most of us (myself included) the actual date of my confirmation isn't something I can call to mind. But, I can remember the essentials of the day. I remember my sponsor; I remember (then) Bishop Hughes spending a few moments with each of us as he confirmed us and spoke briefly about the saints whose name we were taking; I remember the feel of the Oil of Sacred Chrism dripping down my forehead, pungent with sweet smelling balsam. And of course, I remember my confirmation name: John Berchmans, a Jesuit novice who died at 22 after living a relatively short life of piety and devotion to Jesus, most especially as he served the Mass. One of the things that is sometimes easy to forget, though, is what happened underneath all of the liturgy and ceremony, and this is often a challenge in our culture that says that we don't need a "church service" to have spiritual things happen. At the same time, when we long for an encounter with the spiritual, we want something to tell us it's happening.

At Confirmation, when the bishop extended his hands, prayed the prayer of Confirmation and sealed us with the Chrism, the Seven-fold Gifts of the Holy Spirit did indeed descend! While in the moment, I may not have felt anything emotionally nor a warm electric current flowing down my spine like a superhero origin story, this Sacrament given to us by Jesus (and promised before his Ascension) in his Church did indeed take effect. And I have been very aware that the Spirit's gifts have been given in those moments in my life when I was able to respond to circumstances well beyond my natural ability. As with all of the Sacraments, tremendous graces are poured out on us and we are then able to act in a supernatural way. So, spine-zap or no, Confirmation does indeed make us a superhero in the life of virtue. We're able to see with more than just human eyes when the Spirit infuses His power within us. We can choose with more than our fleshly desires as a guide. We can aspire not just to fame and earthly glory but for sainthood and heavenly union with God. This is the great gift of the Solemnity of Pentecost, wherein we are able to pray for a renewal of those graces of Confirmation and receive them in abundance. And if you're not Confirmed yet, ask for the grace of longing for the outpouring of those gifts and ask for desire to be given The Holy Spirit.

Here's a prayer that I pray when I desire to drink deeply once more of The Gifts of the Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

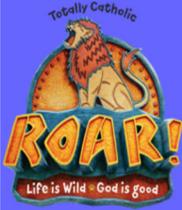
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Pray it well! Pax Christi,

Fr. Chris

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. 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

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



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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A New Season: Let The Full Life of Summer Be Reflected in Your Marriage. Soon the kids are out of school...why not give some time to the two of you. Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and bring joy and passion to you special love. The next weekend in Louisiana is scheduled on June 21—23 at the Bishop Robert E Tracy Center. You can register online at www.LAMS-wwme.org or by calling Matt & Gail Quinn at 813-548-1655.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

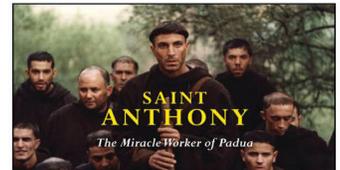
Ronnie and I would like to thank all for the success of our 2019 Family Festival. There is much preparation for this event to take place. Everyone has a job to do and they do it well. We could not make that happen without the good help from the community and support from all Church parishes. The final tally for the Family Festival is \$4,2625.40. Thanks again, Ronnie & Cindy Babin

FORMED PICK

Saint Anthony

Meet the Miracle Worker of Padua

Saint Anthony sacrificed wealth, popularity, and family to follow God's call to become a monk. Renowned for his powerful preaching and miracles, his selfless example continues to win souls to Christ today.



"Awesome, inspirational story of one the great saints in our history."

—Carlos R., Torrance, CA

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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.