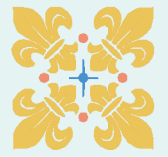


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 23, 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 JUNE 23, 2019**

Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;  
 Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5;  
 Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;  
 Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
 Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**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 June 23, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of Annie B. Hawkins  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Stephanie Brand  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Sue Guidroz  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of John Allen Landry

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus has given us His body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as a married, single, ordained or consecrated person. If you feel God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR JUNE 16, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Offertory Collection \$719.00

**St. Joseph**

Offertory Collection \$1,737.00

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

Offertory Collection \$1,862.00

**THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY**

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

This weekend I'll be in Lafayette for the Women of Grace retreat. As you're reading this, I'll either be saying Mass, giving a talk, or hearing confessions. If you wouldn't mind offering a Hail Mary for me and for the women attending this four day leadership conference and spiritual retreat, I'd be very grateful! The secular media and modern culture make a kind of perverse sport in pointing out the ways in which The Catholic Church has been oppressive to women throughout the centuries. While there certainly have been individuals, both clergy and lay, and regimes that have belittled women, the entire Bible and the long history of the Church sing the praises of women from the very beginning of Genesis through the darkest periods in history. A principal hymn of praise is sung to Mary, a woman who is bold, proudly feminine – receptive to bringing forth life and to motherhood, and fully in possession of her dignity as created and especially missioned by God. This constitutes what Pope St. John Paul calls "the feminine genius," namely the mysterious qualities that women possess which are icons of their unique role in creation to reveal God to men. Without the special gifts of women, it would not be possible to fully know how God reveals Himself in Jesus Christ! Please pray for us!

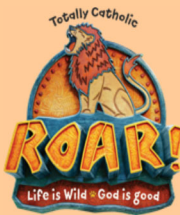
This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – The feast of The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It's a feast to remind us that the source and summit of our lives as Christians is wrapped up in the mystery of Jesus' ability to give us as real food His own life. While the first pagans thought Christians to be cannibals, we know that it is through Our Lord's ability to take ordinary bread and wine and transform their substance through the power of the Holy Spirit. In chapter 6 of John's Gospel and at the Last Supper, Jesus specifically tells us that He will become true food and drink for us. This central mystery of faith is what nourishes our soul and is what delivers the graces necessary to live each day as we have received: namely in offering ourselves for others as Christ offers Himself for us. As He (and consequently, the priest through the power of the Holy Spirit) says "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, this is my Body, which will be given up for you" we see that the ultimate act of selflessness is what gives us our identity as Christians. It is this constant surrender to God that allows us to see that our bodies are not our own, but as temples of the Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist, they belong to the God who made them and as such are supposed to be at the service of Our Heavenly Father. May this be a rich feast of faith for all of you today!

Pax Christi,



## Made for Greatness!

### 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.

**ST. FRANCES & ST. JOSEPH/IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
ELEMENTARY CATECHISM TEACHER**



Please pray to see if the Lord may be calling you to teach Elementary Catechism Classes. At St. Frances they are held every other Tuesday from 5:00pm—6:30pm. And for Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Joseph it is once a month on Sunday from 10:00am—11:30am. We start in August and end sometime in April. Call Peggy at the Parish Office if you feel the Lord is calling you for this.

### 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.

### HOLY HOUR AT ST. FRANCES

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



There will be adoration at St. Frances from 6:30pm till 7:30pm on Monday, June 24th. All are welcome and encourage to come spend this hour with our Lord.

### CLERGY, STAFF, & SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Rev. Christopher J. Decker**  
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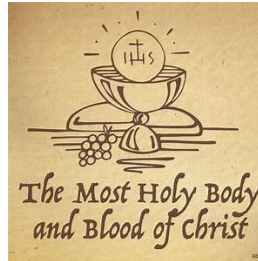
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### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Please note that the date for the next Louisiana session was scheduled for June 21-23, 2019 is cancelled and rescheduled for **July 19-21, 2019** at the Bishop Robert E Tracy Center. You can register online at [www.LAMS-wwme.org](http://www.LAMS-wwme.org) or by calling Matt & Gail Quinn at 813-548-1655.



As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.  
— 1 Corinthians 11:26

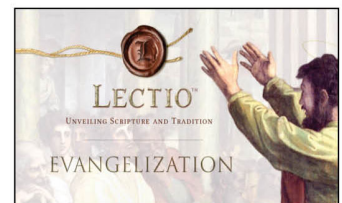
### FORMED PICK

## Lectio: Evangelization

Episode 9: Joy in Persecution

### A Model for Us Today

How are we called to respond in the midst of conflict, rejection, and outright persecution? Dr. Mary Healy explores why the Apostles endured beatings, imprisonment, and more for the Gospel.



"Inspiring! Dr. Healy spoke with passion, enthusiasm and great knowledge."

—Maria C., Flourtown, PA

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)



**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.