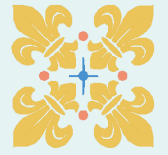


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



ThirThirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 30, 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

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 Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 225.625.2438 : phone
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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30, 2019

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

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 30, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Billie Kimball
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Delores Simoneaux
St. Frances: in loving memory of Charles "Boo" Webre by St. Frances Ladies Altar Society
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Mary Benedict

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus still speaks the invitation "Come, follow Me!" Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an 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.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR JUNE 23, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1035.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$1,884.00

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Offertory Collection \$2,186.00

Second Collection June 30, 219
 Peter's Pence

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

This week, we celebrate an important date on our civil calendar. After concluding so many great back-to-back feasts within the Church Year, we return briefly to Ordinary Time liturgically. In The United States of America we observe a kind of civic feast day: Independence Day. 243 years ago, our original 13 colonies dependent upon and loyal to the British Crown declared their Independence from tyrannical practices in government and a desire to determine a system of democratic self government. And so the Second Continental Congress drafted these words that we know so well:

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness..."

Indeed, this is a foundational principle on which our independence as a nation is set. Namely, that we do indeed have a Creator, He does bestow an irrevocable dignity upon humanity because He has created us, and the manifestation of that dignity is in sustaining and enriching one's life, doing so in freedom to choose what is good, and to pursue that will lead him or her to flourish as an individual and in a communion of persons.

While this declaration has been distorted over the last two centuries, it must be seen through the lens of those who recognize firstly that the right to govern comes not from self-autonomy, but is bestowed by The Creator. And as such, one is not free to do what one wants but rather what one ought in order to better one's life and the life of others (pursuing happiness).

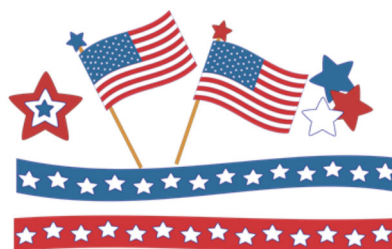
As Christians, we see all of the "inalienable rights" of The Declaration of Independence in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus reveals Himself as "The Life (John 14:6). He proclaims "liberty to captives (Luke 4:18)". And it is Jesus who reveals the source of true happiness: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)".

As you go to the grill, stretch out on the pool float, or simply enjoy the afternoon in air conditioning, give thanks to God for our country, for the ability to pursue a way of life that reflects Our Creator, and in intercession for those who do not share the freedoms that our forefathers saw fit to establish as a system of government.

May God Bless Us and Our Country!

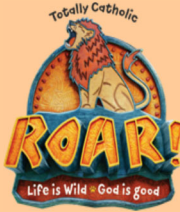
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Fr. Chris



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. 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.

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 or by calling Matt & Gail Quinn at 813-548-1655.

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Office will be closed Thursday for the Fourth of July Celebration.

ST. JOSEPH

Wednesday, July 10th
Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00pm at Parish Hall

Sunday, July 14th
Knights of Columbus Doughnut Breakfast

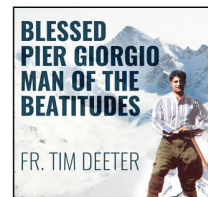
FORMED PICK

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

By Fr. Tim Deeter

Man of the Beatitudes

Born in 1901 in Italy into a family of wealth and status, Pier Giorgio found that deep prayer, service to the poor, and a passion for bringing others to Christ led to a life of purpose, peace, and happiness. Get to know this modern man of virtue.



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—Kasey K., Old Monroe, MO

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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.