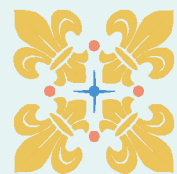


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 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 JULY 14, 2019**

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
 Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
 Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21  
 Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

**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 July 14, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of Alonzo Toles  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Stephanie Brand  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Jean & Gordon Chauvin  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Bill & Margaret Graham

**Memorial donations**

**St. Frances Memorial Donation:** In loving memory of Charles "Boo" Webre by Johnny and Cindy Steib.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Alonzo Toles** died June 29, 2019 and was interred in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery

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

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR JULY 7, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Offertory Collection \$2,839.50  
 Maintenance \$847.00

**St. Joseph**

Offertory Collection \$3,524.00  
 Maintenance \$2,054.00

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

Offertory Collection \$2,201.00  
 Maintenance \$991.00

**THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY**

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Fellow Parishioners,

One of the most important works of mercy that we can render is the dignified burial of our dead. This includes the Rite of Christian Burial for the baptized and interment in a mausoleum or vault which is then buried in the ground. Apart from the spiritual reality, it is often said that one of the most important things distinguishing us from all other animals is the care we take to bury our dead. As long as humans have walked the earth we have set places aside for the remains of our loved ones. These we call cemeteries, from the Greek word "koimēt rion" or "sleeping place". As such, our cemeteries are not only the resting place of the dead, but also places of peace for we who remain. For the Christian, the grave is a sign of hope, since from our graves we believe that we will rise on the last day when Jesus returns.

In the past few months, there have been a number of incidents in several of our cemeteries, most recently in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery. Several of the marble panels that seal the individual mausoleum crypts were smashed, either by a heavy object or by a vehicle. The fences are continually impacted by vehicles, and there are reports of trespassers during nighttime hours with trash left on the grounds. A very few volunteers exist who regularly visit and attempt to maintain the cemeteries and report on what goes on there. Since none of our cemeteries are directly adjacent to the church, it's not possible to keep constant vigilance. Due to the specific historic significance of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery and to curtail the activities that pose a threat to the integrity of the graves and the remains that rest in them, I am making the difficult decision to limit entry to the cemetery during office hours Monday through Thursday. A sign will be posted to explain the situation and the gates will be locked to limit entry.

While it is my desire to bring this forward in an upcoming parish advisory council meeting, this immediate measure is to attempt to address the damage that is being done on the cemetery grounds and to be a good steward since the pastor is the primary sextant of the cemetery. At present, this policy is only being enacted at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery. If there are any questions or if you'd like more information, I'm happy to visit with you or you can email me at [cdecker@triparishes.org](mailto:cdecker@triparishes.org).

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Pax,



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

**CONFIRMATION SEMINAR**

Our TriParish Confirmation Seminar will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 5:30pm—6:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. This is for all Private, Public and Catholic School students in 11th Grade from the TriParish. Please be sure to spread the word,



**ST. FRANCES & ST. JOSEPH/IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 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 Ministry.

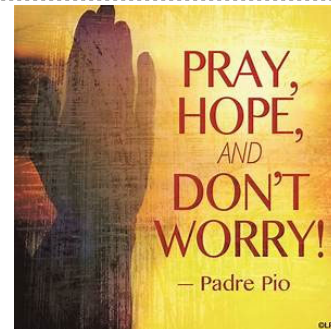
**"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."**  
Mother Teresa

**A VOCATION VIEW**

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood" or "religious life"? If God may be selecting you for the special life of priest or religious, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

**CANCELLED**

We are sorry to inform all that due to the lack of Adult Volunteers Vacation Bible School for the week July 15—19, 2019 at Immaculate Heart of Mary has been cancelled. Please be sure to let others know.

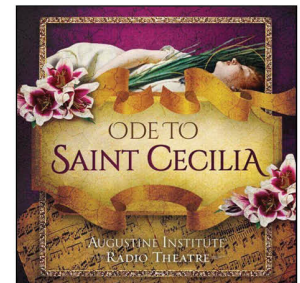


FORMED PICK

**Ode to Saint Cecilia**

**The Story of a Holy Muse**

Meet an inspiring woman with fierce courage and unwavering faith, willing to follow the path of beauty and truth—no matter the cost. Saint Cecilia's remarkable story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's audio drama featuring award-winning actors and cinematic sound and music.



*"Beautifully written and acted! It really makes the people and events come alive in a way that is both engaging and thought provoking."*

—Rosalin S, Edgeley, ND

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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.