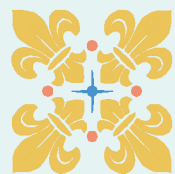


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Martha, Mary, and Jesus [Artist unknown]

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 21 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
 225.625.3513 : fax
 225.308.9726 : emergency
 pastoralcenter@triparishes.org : email
 www.triparishes.org : web

THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2019

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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 July 21, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Rhonda Pourciau
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Lawrence "Football" Badeaux
St. Frances: in loving memory of Jimmy & Hazel Chustz
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Forrest Armond

A VOCATION VIEW

We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about, but only one thing is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what he requires of you. If you feel the call is genuine, 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 JULY 14, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$957.00

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Offertory Collection \$1,222.00

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

As we make our way through the Liturgical Calendar this July we arrive at the memorial of the Grandparents of Jesus: The Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim. While many schools hold "Grandparents Day" events during the semesters that classes are in session, we as Catholics are called to recognize the spiritual components of a days like this. Indeed, grandparents are even more important in society today as many stand-in for parents for more than in years past. But in nearly every age, it is the grandparent who provides an excellent introduction and proof of a relationship with God. I wouldn't be the only grandchild who remembers seeing my grandmother in quiet moments of prayer when she thought nobody noticed. It was my grandparents who subtly reminded my parents of the importance of raising me to love Jesus and my Catholic heritage. And it was my grandparents who were always ready to shower me with love, providing a continuity of faith within family life. Saints Anne and Joachim are spiritual patrons of grandparents in this way and as such can help those on earth who are grandparents to fulfill the duties of being gentle reminders of faith and trust in God as well as men and women of integrity in a world of shifting moral values. And so, this coming Friday, July 26, offer a prayer to the parents of Mary, St. Anne and St. Joachim, asking for their help to be a good witness to faith, hope, and love after the model of their grandson: Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Thank you, grandparents, for continuing to hand down the Faith to your grandchildren!

This weekend, I'll be flying out for a few weeks to Wyoming to visit friends I have known since my earliest days as a priest. I've become a kind-of "family priest" for the Vignaroli family and will find myself among them as their daughter and son-in-law (whose marriage I witnessed a few years ago) are expecting a child. I'm continually amazed when The Holy Spirit lines travel plans up like that. Our mission appeal is coming up the weekend of August 3. I know you'll welcome Fr. Antony as he asks for your support of The Missionary Sisters of Mother Mary and express your gratitude in generous support for the work that they do in India. I'll see you again on August 10 as we begin the ramp up to a new school year! (Sorry, young'uns. I didn't mean to announce the end of summer break!) Please pray for my safe travel and know that I continually hold your intentions in prayer.

Pax,



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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.



We will have informational meetings and registration for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) on Sunday, August 11, following the 11:00am Mass or Tuesday, August 20th, at 6:00pm at St. Frances Parish Hall for anyone who interested in becoming a Catholic or completing their Faith Formation. Registration forms can be picked up at the entrances of all churches or you can register online. If you have any questions or are interested but cannot make this meeting please call Peggy at the Parish Office, 625-2438.

St. Joseph Annual Family Festival



Mark your calendar for our annual Family Festival on Sunday, September 15th, from 10:00am till 2:00pm. We will be serving Fried Chicken Dinners as well as desserts and drinks. Activities for the children and adults will be bingo, volleyball, horseshoes, face painting, and raffles (money, children and quilt).



We will also have our Silent Auction. If you would like to donate auction items you can either drop them off at the Parish Office or Church.

ST. JOSEPH BUS ASSOCIATION

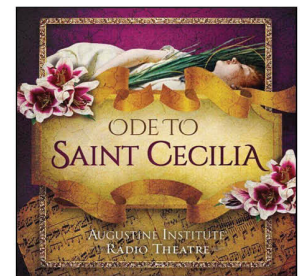
There will be a meeting on Monday, July 22, at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall. If your child(ren) will be riding the bus this year you must attend this meeting or call Josh Kleinpeter at 225-776-7224.

FORMED PICK

Ode to Saint Cecilia

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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.