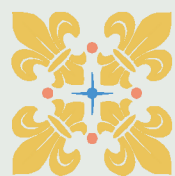


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against all greed,
 for though one may be rich,
 one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Luke 12:15

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 4, 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
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 225.308.9726 : emergency
 pastoralcenter@triparishes.org : email
 www.triparishes.org : web

THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2019

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
 Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2,
 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE TRIPARISHES

MON	Post-Mass	Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit	
	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	
TUE	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 August 4, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Harriet Priester Lard

St. Joseph: in loving memory of Stephanie Brand by Edna Perrault

St. Frances: in loving memory of Johnny & Joycelyn Newton

St. Catherine: in loving memory of Arlene Meche by St. Frances Ladies Altar Society



YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR JULY 28, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1,011.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$4,867.06

St. Frances

Offertory Collection \$1,947.00

THE PAROCHIAL VICAR'S VIEW

FR. AMRIT RAJ, IMS

Dear friends,

Today all the readings warn us against any sort of excessive attachment to riches and worldly pleasures. In the Gospel, the rich man's land yields a great harvest. He takes pleasure in accumulation. Note the vocabulary he uses. The language he speaks is 'I' and 'my', highly insulated with selfishness and ego. Beyond the rich man's will and wish there is a plan of God which he did not discern and this failure makes him a 'fool'. We are called to lay up treasures for God, not for ourselves. One who is raised with Christ will seek the things that are above and not the things on earth. If we are living for sensual pleasures, enjoying every occasion of luxury and passion, then we are not of the new creation and we have not yet died to our old self. We need to put to death what is worldly in ourselves and raise our hearts to God and become rich in the sight of God.

Best wishes and God bless!

Fr. Amrit Raj '17

Mission Appeal

Hearty welcome to Rev. Antony to our TriParishes! Rev. Antony is going to make the mission appeal this weekend for the Missionary Sisters of Mother Mary. This congregation was founded by Rev. Sr. Jesy Varghese who is the Mother General of the Society at present. It was founded in the year 2007 in Nalgonda, in the state of Telangana, India. Through the hard work and dedication of the Mother General the society has grown and it has 170 nuns, at present working in 18 dioceses across the country. They are basically involved in palliative care, orphanages, old age homes, hospitals, nursing homes etc. They request your generous contribution and valuable prayers to carry out their mission.

Personal questions/actions based on today's Gospel:

What priorities and values control my life? What aspect of my old self must I again take off and replace with the new self that is renewed in the image of its Creator? What/Who is the center of my life? Do I need to get re-aligned and balanced by moving Christ into the center? Can people experience a smoother, more balanced ride with GOD by the way I treat them with my Christ-centered attitudes?

IN MEMORIAM

Harriet Priester Lard died July 24, 2019 and was interred in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery

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

Made for Greatness!
Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

**ST. JOSEPH/IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
 CATECHISM TEACHERS NEEDED**

Please pray to see if the Lord may be calling you to teach Catechism Classes for St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Classes are held at St. Joseph 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.

TRI-PARISH 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,

Jr/Sr YOUTH GATHERING

There will be a Jr/Sr youth gathering **Friday, August 9th**, from 6:00pm—9:00pm at St. Frances Parish Hall for those in grades 6th—12th. Please spread the word.



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.

DIocese OF BATON ROUGE

Father Paul Counce, the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, who in the summer of 1986 served as administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Grosse Tete, is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood this year. He will celebrate a special Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral (corner Fourth and Main Streets in downtown Baton Rouge), where he is pastor, on Friday evening, August 16, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass and the reception following in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Especially if you remember Father Paul, it would be wonderful for you to join him and his family and many of the priests of the diocese at this special celebration!

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ST. JOSEPH

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 an auction items you can either drop them off at the Parish Office or Church.

LADIES DAY OUTING TO ST. HELENA RESCHEDULED

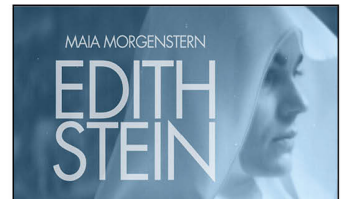
The Ladies Retreat to St. Helena has been rescheduled for Saturday, **September 14th**. If you are interested please call Peggy Champagne at the Parish Office. You may also call or text her at 225-456-0595.

FORMED PICK

Edith Stein

Love Conquers All Fear

Watch the powerful portrayal of Edith Stein: a Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr. It captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman who transformed her sufferings in Christ.



"I really did not know much about this saint. It is a very moving film and I want to learn more."

—Gail M., Worthington, OH

Watch on 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 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.