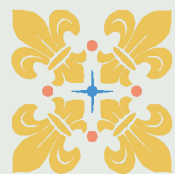


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

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**The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 11, 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  
 Fordoche, LA 70732

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## THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2019

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;  
 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16;  
 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15  
 Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

### 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 August 11, 2019

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of Jack Torres  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Lois Barrow  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Buck Bergeron by Henrietta Bergeron  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Paul Ransome, Jr.

### YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR AUGUST 4, 2019

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection	\$2,504.00
Maintenance Fund	\$394.00
Missionary Sisters of Mother Mary	\$662.00

#### St. Joseph

Offertory Collection	\$1,728.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1,383.00
Missionary Sisters of Mother Mary	\$474.00

#### St. Frances

Offertory Collection	\$2,533.00
Maintenance Fund	\$637.00
Missionary Sisters of Mother Mary	\$558.00

## THE PAROCHIAL VICAR'S VIEW

FR. AMRIT RAJ, IMS

Luke 12:32-48

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

### Reflections on the Gospel Reading

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

### POSSIBILITIES:

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

### A VOCATION VIEW

If you realized that God was knocking at your door would you answer? If God might be calling you to a life of service in the Church please call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

**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,

**TRI-PARISH PARENT/STUDENT MEETINGS**

**St. Frances Monday, August 19th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm for grades 6th—10th.

**Immaculate Heart/St. Joseph Sunday, August 25th**, after the 9:00am Mass for grades 9th—10th at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

**Mandatory for both Students and at least one Parent**

**ST. FRANCES AUGUST PSR SCHEDULE**

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **August 26th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall

Elementary on Tuesday, **August 27th**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

**FAITH AND HOPE**

Faith and hope are closely united in today's readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, "putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ's command, "Do this in memory of me."

We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

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**ST. JOSEPH**

Annual Family Festival  
 Sunday, September 15th  
 at St. Joseph Parish Hall  
 10:00am—2:00pm

Serving Fried Chicken Dinners as well as desserts and drinks  
 Activities for children and adults  
 Raffles (money, children and quilt)  
 Silent Auction  
 Bring your family and friends for a fun full day.

**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.

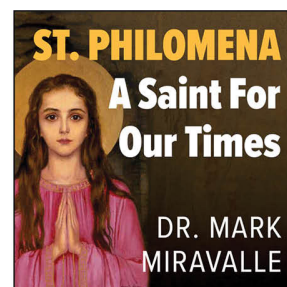
**FORMED PICK**

**Saint Philomena**

By Dr. Mark Miravalle

**Wonder Worker and Advocate**

Martyred for her purity and fidelity to Christ, Saint Philomena is truly a saint for our times. Learn why so many love this young saint, the only one ever to be canonized solely on the basis of the profound miracles attributed to her intercession.



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

"It's amazing that this saint withstood so much torture with such holy determination even at the young age of 13!"

—Anne Marie, Scarsdale, NY



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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.