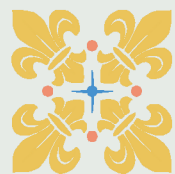


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



*Take up
 your
 cross
 and
 follow me*

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8, 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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 Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary
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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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 September 8, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Matherne & Guerin Families

St. Joseph: in loving memory of Hugo Glaser

St. Frances: in loving memory of Jessie Arnaud

St. Catherine: in loving memory of Annabelle Melton

A VOCATION VIEW

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled to overflowing by God. Can you let go? If 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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1,023.00
 Catholic University of America \$132.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$1,602.00
 Catholic University of America \$270.00

St. Frances

Offertory Collection \$2,637.00
 Catholic University of America \$157.00

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Fr. Amrit and I were visiting the other day as we happened to be together in the office. This isn't terribly common, sad to say, because our schedules don't often coincide with the many pastoral and administrative concerns that send us in different directions. He was asking how the ACTS retreat (about which I have spoken in previous articles) went and assured me that he had been praying. He then gave voice to something that has been on my heart for a few years now. "Father," he said, "I think the Holy Spirit wants us to begin Eucharistic Adoration. What can we do?" "Yes!" I said, "that has been coming up in prayer over-and-over for me as well." We had a discussion this week on how to begin. In short: we're just going to start!

We have set October 2 as the start date for a period of Eucharistic Adoration to be held each Wednesday until December. My first inclination is to start a three hour period in Maringouin following the 8:30am Mass from 9am until 12 noon since it's only a three hour block to fill with at least one person in the church. But, I think it's important for you to let us know your thoughts, especially since this doesn't include hours for those of you who work and may wish to spend time with Jesus present in the Eucharist. It's a challenge to cover hours during the day from 1pm through 5pm, since many are at work. That said, I firmly believe that The Holy Spirit is asking this of us as a TriParish community and wishes to bring about great renewal and healing in our families and in our area.

If you wouldn't mind, please visit www.triparishes.org/ adoration and take a few moments to let Fr. Amrit and I know your desires and availability. If The Lord is tugging at your heart too, you can also sign up for an hour to give us a sense of whether beginning with a 3 hour block or perhaps a longer period is possible.

Spending an hour with The Lord is an opportunity for us to combat the "hour of evil" by taking time with Jesus in an "hour of glory". Jesus asked for companionship the night before He died and still wants us to be companions in His work. The more we spend time in this "holy radiation" we become more and more like Jesus. If The Lord has placed this wider opportunity upon our hearts as your priests, then I trust it is because some of you are being called as well.

Pax Christi,



BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Michael Duca will be visiting our TriParish Churches starting with St. Joseph Church on September 22, 2019. He will preside at the Holy Mass with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Dates for the other Parishes will given at a later time.

Made for Greatness!
Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

TRI-PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION SCHEDULE

ST. FRANCES

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **September 16th**, from 6:00pm –7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **September 17th**, from 5:00pm –6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **September 30th**, from 6:00pm –7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **October 1**, from 5:00pm –6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

ST. JOSEPH/IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

K-10TH GRADES

Sunday, **September 29th**, starting with 9:00am Mass & ending at 11:30am

TRIPARISH CONFIRMATION ANGOLA TRIP

Please note new date **September 28**, 2019 from 7:00am to 4:30pm. This is mandatory for all Confirmation candidates. Parents and sponsors are welcome. Must have information no later than Thursday, September 5, 2019.



March for Life
 Washington D.C.

Any youth in grades 9th—12th who would be interested in attending March for Life contact Peggy at the Parish Office for more information. Registration begins October 10th.

SATURDAY NIGHT CATECHISM

A Journey to the Heart of the Faith

Video series by Bishop Robert Barron

Facilitator: Fr. Chris Decker

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall

at 5:15 pm following the 4:00pm Mass.

Sessions are September 14, 21,28, October 5, 12, 26. Suggested donation \$25 for discussion materials. Come as you are! All are invited!

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) and Silent Auction.



Bring your family and friends to enjoy a fun filled day.

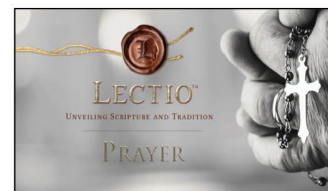
Any students in need of service hours, contact Elsie Thompson at the TriParish Office for more information. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Lectio: Prayer

Session 1: Prayer

Prayer as a Conversation

Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but sometimes it feels like a one-way “conversation.” Dr. Gray shows how the solution to this problem can be found in the Scriptures.



“Dr. Tim Gray explains the practice of Lectio in a way that makes you thirst for more!”

—Debbie S., Austin, TX

Watch on formed.org



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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.