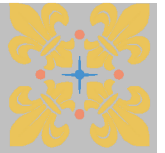


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13, 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

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Office Hours are Monday—Thursday

8:30am—3:30pm

THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2019

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE TRIPARISHES

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| 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 | |

All Saint's Day Holy Mass Schedule

Thursday, October 31st, 6:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Friday, November 1st, 6:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Blessing of the Graves Holy Mass Schedule

In Parish Cemetery (weather permitting)
 Saturday, November 2nd at 4:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery
 Sunday, November 3rd, at 8:00am at St. Joseph Cemetery and 11:00am at St. Frances Cemetery

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of October 13, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Chris Kimball
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Wallace "Gun" Perrault
St. Frances: in loving memory of Kayla Bonaventure
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Charles Sonnier

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1,075.50
 Maintenance Fund \$1,082.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$1,602.00
 Maintenance Fund \$1,308.00

St. Frances

Offertory Collection \$2,258.00
 Maintenance Fund \$1,012.00

Second Collections October 20, 2019, Propagation of Faith

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings,

Last week, we examined the use of music in the liturgical worship of Israel and the Early Church of the Apostles as instituted by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. These come to us primarily in the Holy Bible and are continued today in an unbroken line of teaching from those same Apostles who, as our first bishops, passed down what they learned in the "school of The Lord". This forms the basis of what we know to be our Sacred Tradition or the official teaching of the Church which is also known as The Magisterium (from the Latin for "teaching body"). These include dogma — what we believe definitively, as well as our doctrines, which are those observances we hold as passed down by the Apostles in union with St. Peter and his successors and therefore worthy of belief and practice.

This week, we look specifically into our liturgical worship as outlined in the great Ecumenical Council of our time, Vatican II. Inaugurated by Pope St. John XXIII in 1962 and concluded by Pope St. Paul VI in 1965. While much has been suggested about what Vatican II said, it's important to let the documents containing the words of the council fathers speak for themselves.

In regard to The Mass and music, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, in Latin: *Sacro sanctum Concilium*, holds up for us the central importance of the Eucharist and the ceremony in which it occurs, the liturgy we call The Holy Mass. In its own words, there were several aims:

"It desires to impart an ever increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of mankind into the household of the Church. (SC, 1)"

In short, it wanted to increase the zeal of Christians to live their Catholic faith, examine how to adapt to the needs of a culture beset by a great deal of social upheaval in the 1960s, and to foster a desire for other Christians to see the Catholic Church not as something foreign, but as a source of unity and a true "home" in which to find Jesus. The Mass is at the center of this, because it is the central part of our identity. As St. Maximillian Kolbe said several decades before the council, "Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel."

To that end, Vatican II said that "in faithful obedience to tradition, the sacred Council declares that holy Mother Church holds all lawfully acknowledged rites to be of equal right and dignity; that she wishes to preserve them in the future and to foster them in every way. The Council also desires that, where necessary, the rites be revised carefully in the light of sound tradition, and that they be given new vigor to meet the circumstances and needs of modern times. (SC,4)"

The first directive states that priests must be properly instructed in the liturgy so that they in turn can instruct their people to both know and understand what they are doing when they go to "kneel before an altar" at Mass.

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The next desire of the council has to do with wanting the people of God to receive all of the graces possible from the Mass. And so, "holy Mother Church desires to undertake with great care a general restoration of the liturgy itself. For the liturgy is made up of immutable elements divinely instituted, and of elements subject to change." What is called for is restoration and not revolution or rupture with tradition, so that any "updates" do not seem foreign to the integrity of The Mass.

With this as an introduction, next week we'll examine the general norms that the council envisioned.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Chris



Are you or do you know someone in the TriParish who is ill (short term or long term) or is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion at home? If so, please call the parish office and we will put their name on our homebound ministry schedule.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Michael Duca will be visiting St. France Church on October 27, 2019 at the 11:00am Mass and at Immaculate Heart of Mary on November 23, 2019 at the 4:00pm Mass. He will preside at the Holy Mass with a reception to follow in each Parish Hall.

OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY



"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin... If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors."

-Pope Pius XI

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TRI-PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION SCHEDULE

ST. FRANCES

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **October 21st**, from 6:00pm –7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **October 22nd**, from 5:00pm – 6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall.

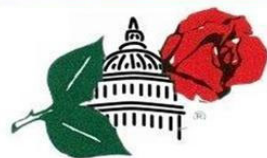
**ST. JOSEPH/IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
K-10TH GRADES**

Sunday, **October 20th**, starting with 9:00am Mass & ending at 11:30am

Service Projects

October 19th—clean St. Frances cemetery from 8:00am— Noon.

Week of Thanksgiving we will clean the 3 churches to prepare the churches for Advent We will clean St. Frances on Monday, November 25, St. Joseph on Tuesday, November 26th, and Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, November 29th from 9:00am—11:00am.



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.

Last session is October 26th. Come as you are! All are invited!

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.