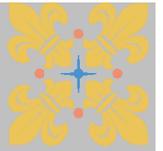


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



**The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20, 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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**Office Hours are Monday—Thursday**  
**8:30am—3:30pm**

**THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2019**

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9  
 Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**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	

**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 20, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of Eric Matherne  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of all the deceased member of Ladies Altar Society  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Wayne Chustz by Gayle Chustz  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Martin Gros.

**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.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Offertory Collection \$1,336.00

**St. Joseph**

Offertory Collection \$1,513.00

**St. Frances**

Offertory Collection \$2,013.00

**THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY**

**FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER**

Greetings,

Last Week we looked briefly at the rationale for the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. This week, we continue in the same document mindful of the central importance of The Mass: "...the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). In short, everything we do flows toward the Eucharist and our activity flows from the Eucharist and into the world.

Priests are called to "realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required than the mere observation of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects" so that the faithful "come to it with proper dispositions...lest they receive it in vain" (SC, 11). The Council expresses this in its desire that "that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. (SC, 14). More than just "doing something" at Mass for its own sake, this involves discerning the movements of our hearts at Mass so that it matches what's going on with our mouths and bodies.

There is a popular misconception that in order to be fully "active and conscious" in participation means that one must aspire to be a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, or Choir member; rather, the participation that the Council is concerned with is coming to understand the movements of the liturgy and joining in a unified expression of worship with the Church all over the world. To that end, there is a particularity to the Mass in our TriParishes, but it also is called to align with those of our brother and sister Catholics throughout the world.

And so, the Council establishes universal general norms since "regulation of the sacred liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church, that is, on the Apostolic See [that is, the pope] and, as laws may determine, on the bishop" (SC, 22). Because of this the Church teaches that "no other person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority" (SC, 22 ³). This is sometimes ignored, even by priests, in favor of innovation or a so-called "more pastoral approach". The Mass does not belong to the priest, the bishop, the pope, or the people.

Properly understood, we serve the Mass because when we do so, we worship God. "Servers, lectors, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function. They ought, therefore, to discharge their office with the sincere piety and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God's people. Consequently they must all be deeply imbued with the spirit of the liturgy, each in his own measure, and they must be trained to perform their functions in a correct and orderly manner" (SC, 29). Whether a minister of the liturgy or a layperson in the pew, all are encouraged to take part by "acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs, as well as by actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes. And at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence" (SC, 30).

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In this way, the “full, active, and conscious” participation in the Mass called for by the council can even be achieved when the priest and faithful may be using a language other than English. The Fathers of the Council hoped that the common liturgical language would continue, and so a norm that remains to this day is that “...the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites” (SC, 36). Technically, because we are Roman Catholics, we are all “Latin rite” Catholics, which is what this means. The document then acknowledges that the “mother tongue” or vernacular “frequently may be of great advantage to the people” and so extends permission for the use of English (in our case) to other parts of the Mass: “This will apply in the first place to the readings and directives, and to some of the prayers and chants...” (SC 36 2). There is also permission for adaptation within the liturgy, “so long as they harmonize with its true and authentic spirit” (SC, 37). This always must be submitted to the bishop, and in many cases the pope, first.

With this understanding, we will look specifically at the chapter on Sacred Music in Sacrosanctum Concilium next week.

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**Grosse Tete/Rosedale Lions Club Chicken Dinner**

Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, October 20, 2009, from 10:00am—1:00pm. Tickets are \$7.00 a piece and are available at the door.



St. Frances Ladies Altar Society will be having a Bake Sale on November 10, 2019 at the 11:00am Mass in Livonia.

**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**

**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.



**Masses at St. Catherine of Siena**

Rosary starting at 5:30pm and Holy Mass at 6:00pm

**Dates are as follows:**

- Tuesday, October 29, 2019
- Tuesday, November 26, 2019
- Tuesday, December 10, 2019

**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 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.