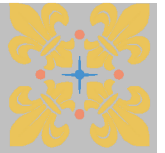


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 3, 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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 8:30am—3:30pm**

THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

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	

Masses at St. Catherine of Siena

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

Dates are as follows:

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of November 3, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Burnette Hawkins

St. Joseph: in loving memory Dave Carreras.

St. Frances: in loving memory of Marie Louise Chustz

St. Catherine: in loving memory of Roger Templeton

In Memoriam

Dave Carreras, died October 24, 2019 and was interred in Rosedale Cemetery.

Marie Louise Chustz, died October 26, 2019 and was interred in St. Frances Cemetery.

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

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1,055.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$1,437.00

St. Frances

Offertory Collection \$2,690.00

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

In today's Gospel we experience Jesus desiring to enter the home of the lost even before they are penitent. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Our Savior helps us to find His Heart full of pity and kind mercy toward us even when our hearts are most hardened. Like Zacchaeus, we need only the desire to see who Jesus is. Our Redeemer constantly bestows His holy love upon us. He continually pardons our daily faults against Him. He rewards our slightest services with great favors. He continues to recreate humanity through His merciful love for the whole human family.

How does the greatness of God's mercy shine forth? God's mercy makes us embrace what is good. While we truly belong to God, God has no slaves, only friends who choose to love freely. Conversion, on our part, depends on our free response to God's love. We are ready to respond wholeheartedly to God's love when we begin to purify our affections and works by forming them according to the Gospel. If we let go of our willful pursuit of self-serving things, we delightfully find that our spirit is liberated. Then we are free to choose the true and good life that God desires for us in Christ.

This practice of letting go of all that is not of God in us is a continual life-long struggle. For certainly as long as we live we shall have need of renewing ourselves, and of beginning over. This restoration is needed inasmuch as our changeable nature easily grows cold and begins to fail. There is no clock so perfect that it does not need repair. Like the clock that needs to be oiled so that it will be less subject to rust, you need to anoint your heart with the sacraments of confession and the Eucharist to restore your strength, and warm up your heart. In this way you consecrate yourself again to God's love. If we really take care of our heart, each day we will renew it for God's service.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)



A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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Made for Greatness! Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule

St. Frances

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **November 4th**, from 6:00pm–7:15pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **November 5th**, from 5:00pm–6:30pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

Confirmation Class on Sunday, **November 17th**, starting with 11:00am Mass.

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **November 18th**, from 6:00pm–7:15pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **November 19th**, from 5:00pm–6:30pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary

K–10th Grade on Sunday, **November 10th**, starting with 9AM Mass at St. Joseph

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 25th, St. Joseph on Tuesday, November 26th, and Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, November 29th from 9:00am–11:00am.**

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



ST. FRANCES CABRINI

St. Frances Cabrini is sponsoring the Giving Tree again this year. Let's come together and make this a joyful Christmas for the needy children in our community. The tree will be placed in the Sanctuary at St. Frances on the weekend of November 10th. Please consider sponsoring a child/ren by choosing one or more tags. Wrap the gift and tape the tag firmly to the gift and place it beside the tree no later than December 15th. Please remember to write your name and phone number on the form next to the tag number you chose.

St. Joseph Upcoming Events in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Sr. Pot Luck Luncheon at 11:30am
Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00pm

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Michael Duca will be visiting 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.

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Bishops Annual Appeal

Each of us is given the opportunity to serve others here. We teach, we counsel, we coach, we encourage, we pray for and we minister to one another. We know each other's names, the wonderful benefits of Catholic community, and the joy of serving together. We also know that everything we do, we do in the power of the Spirit. And, in the words of St. Paul, *"In fact, the Lord Christ is the one we are serving."* It's true here, and it's true with all the ways we give to support works of mercy all around us. An ideal way to ensure that the blessings of our Catholic family extend to our neighbors is through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take the opportunity today to make your pledge, and contribute generously. *"It is Christ we serve."*

VOCATIONS

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

True Reformers

Episode 4: Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd



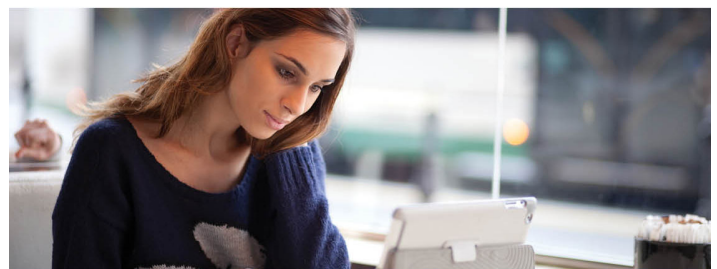
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RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) is celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday from 3:00–3:45pm. If you'd like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation outside the scheduled time, please call the office to arrange a time with the priest.

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.