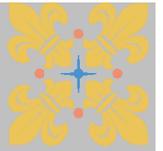


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

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The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17, 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**  
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**8:30am—3:30pm**

## THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

### 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	



### Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass

Thursday, November 28th, 8:30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary

### 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.

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of November 17, 2019

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of Effie Vallet  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory Florence Chauffe  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Ruby Montelaro  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Cody & Corey Gueho

### YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2019

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1,062.00

#### St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$1,807.00

#### St. Frances

Offertory Collection \$2,815.00

Second Collection November 24th  
Campaign for Human Development

## THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings,

We continue our musical exploration through the Mass with the entrance through the Liturgy of the Word as it appears in The Roman Missal, the document that guides the priest and ministers in how the Mass is to be celebrated reverently and in union with The Catholic Church throughout the world. Once the priest arrives at the altar and begins Mass, there are options for him to chant everything as well as sung responses for the people. You might notice that I do this on special occasions like Christmas and Easter Mass. The addition of these extra sung elements are intended to bring greater solemnity to the liturgy. One of the beautiful things about these "dialog" chants is that they're usually only a few notes, so just about any voice can respond.

After the greeting and a brief introduction to the Mass of the day which is permitted (cf. GIRM, 50), the priest invites everyone to make an Act of Penitence. This is essentially the first movement of the Mass whereby we acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God to properly cleanse us from sins so that we may offer Him pure and fitting worship. "The rite concludes with the priest's absolution, which, however, lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance" (51). This means that anyone conscious of serious sin — mortal sin — ought first to go to Confession before approaching the Eucharist. This formula of general confession does however remove venial (non-serious) sins. Then the next chant is begun:

"After the Act of Penitence, the *Kyrie* is always begun, unless it has already been included as part of the Act of Penitence. Since it is a chant by which the faithful acclaim the Lord and implore his mercy, it is ordinarily done by all, that is, by the people and the choir or cantor having a part in it" (52). The *Kyrie Eleison* (which is Greek for "Lord, Have Mercy") is an ancient part of the Mass and the language recalls our connection to The Catholic Church around the world, where we all cry out to God in the same voice. It may also be done in English, which is often what is heard at daily Mass.

On Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts, and important occasions like Marriage or the Ordination of Priests, The Gloria is sung. It's an ancient hymn that actually echoes what the angels sing as they appear to the shepherds to announce the Incarnation of The Son of God. "The text of this hymn may not be replaced by any other text. The *Gloria* is intoned by the priest or, if appropriate, by a cantor or by the choir; but it is sung either by everyone together, or by the people alternately with the choir, or by the choir alone. If not sung, it is to be recited either by all together or by two parts of the congregation responding one to the other" (53). Notably, it's not heard during Advent or Lent, so that a character of anticipation of the great feasts of Christmas and Easter may build within us.

Following this, the collect is chanted or said by the priest in "which the character of the celebration is expressed" (54). "In accordance with the ancient tradition of the Church, the collect prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit" and concluded by the people, who unite themselves to this prayer offered on their behalf by saying "Amen." Incidentally, this is why it's called a "collect," because the priest gathers the silent prayers of his spiritual children and then lifts them up to God on behalf of them; the people then assent with their "Yes".

The Liturgy of the Word then begins: "In the readings, the table of God's word is prepared for the faithful, and the riches of the Bible are opened to them" (57). Following each reading and the acclamation of the people, "Thanks be to God" "honor[s] the word of God that they have received in faith and with grateful hearts" (59).

The Responsorial Psalm "is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word and holds great liturgical and pastoral importance, because it fosters meditation on the word of God" (61). It is preferable that the responsorial Psalm be sung, at least as far as the people's response is concerned. Hence, the psalmist, or the cantor of the Psalm, sings the verses of the Psalm from the

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ambo or another suitable place. The entire congregation remains seated and listens but, as a rule, takes part by singing the response, except when the Psalm is sung straight through without a response." As you can see, there are some options regarding the placement of the psalmist and a preference for the psalm to be sung. There are times when the psalm might be sung through, inviting a silent response from the heart of the people who are meditating. While there are some options on what musical settings may be used, the instruction makes it clear that "songs or hymns may not be used in place of the responsorial Psalm".

The Gospel Acclamation, "the *Alleluia* or another chant indicated by the rubrics is sung, as required by the liturgical season." Further, an "acclamation of this kind constitutes a rite or act in itself, by which the assembly of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to it in the Gospel and professes its faith by means of the chant" (62). Because we believe that Christ Himself speaks to us in the proclamation of the Gospel, our acclamation is a kind of "rite of welcome" for Him.

After the homily, which isn't sung (thankfully!), Sundays and Holy Days call for making The Profession of Faith. For most parishes, this is the saying of the Nicene Creed, although the Apostle's Creed is also permissible. The Creed is actually a response by the people to the Liturgy of the Word assenting to the truths they have just heard proclaimed. "If it is sung, it is begun by the priest or, if this is appropriate, by a cantor or by the choir. It is sung, however, either by all together or by the people alternating with the choir. If not sung, it is to be recited by all together or by two parts of the assembly responding one to the other" (68). Much like the Gloria, the Creed can be chanted or said, even in counterpoint with two parts of the assembly alternating, as if in holy conversation. Following this, is the Prayer of the Faithful, whereby "the people respond in a certain way to the word of God which they have welcomed in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all" (69). These also can be chanted and "the people...stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said together after each intention or by praying in silence" (71).

This concludes the Liturgy of the Word. Next week, we will continue into the first part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Pax Christi,

*Fr. Chris*



St. Frances Ladies Altar Society would like to thank everyone for their support this weekend at the Bake Sale. From this and all our past fund raisers we were able to purchase new Candle stands for our Altar. Thanks again for everyone's support over the years.

## Made for Greatness! Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

### TriParish 1st Reconciliation

**1st Reconciliation Practice** will be **December 5th at 6:00pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for all Catholic, Public and Private Students in 2nd grade.

**1st Reconciliation** will be **December 12th at 6:00pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for all Catholic, Private and Public Students in 2nd Grade.

### TriParish Confirmation

Lakeview Nursing Home will be on **December 21st from 9:00am—11:00am** for all Confirmation Candidates from the TriParish. This event is **mandatory**.

### Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule

#### St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary

**K—10th Grade** on Sunday, **December 15th** starting with 9am Mass at St. Joseph

#### St. Frances

**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.

**Confirmation Class** on Sunday, **December 1st**, starting with 11:00am Mass.

**Jr/Sr High** on Monday, **December 2nd**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

**Elementary** on Tuesday, **December 3rd**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

**Jr/Sr High** on Monday, **December 16th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

**Elementary** on Tuesday, **December 17th**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

### TriParish Christmas Youth Gatherings

**Elementary Youth Gathering** Sunday, **December 8th**, after the 11:00am Mass at St. Frances from Noon—2:00pm.

**Jr/Sr Youth Gathering** Friday, **December 20th**, from 6:00pm—9:00pm at St. Frances Parish Hall for Youth in grades 6th—12th.

### 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.**

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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.