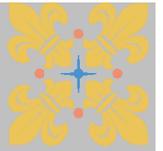
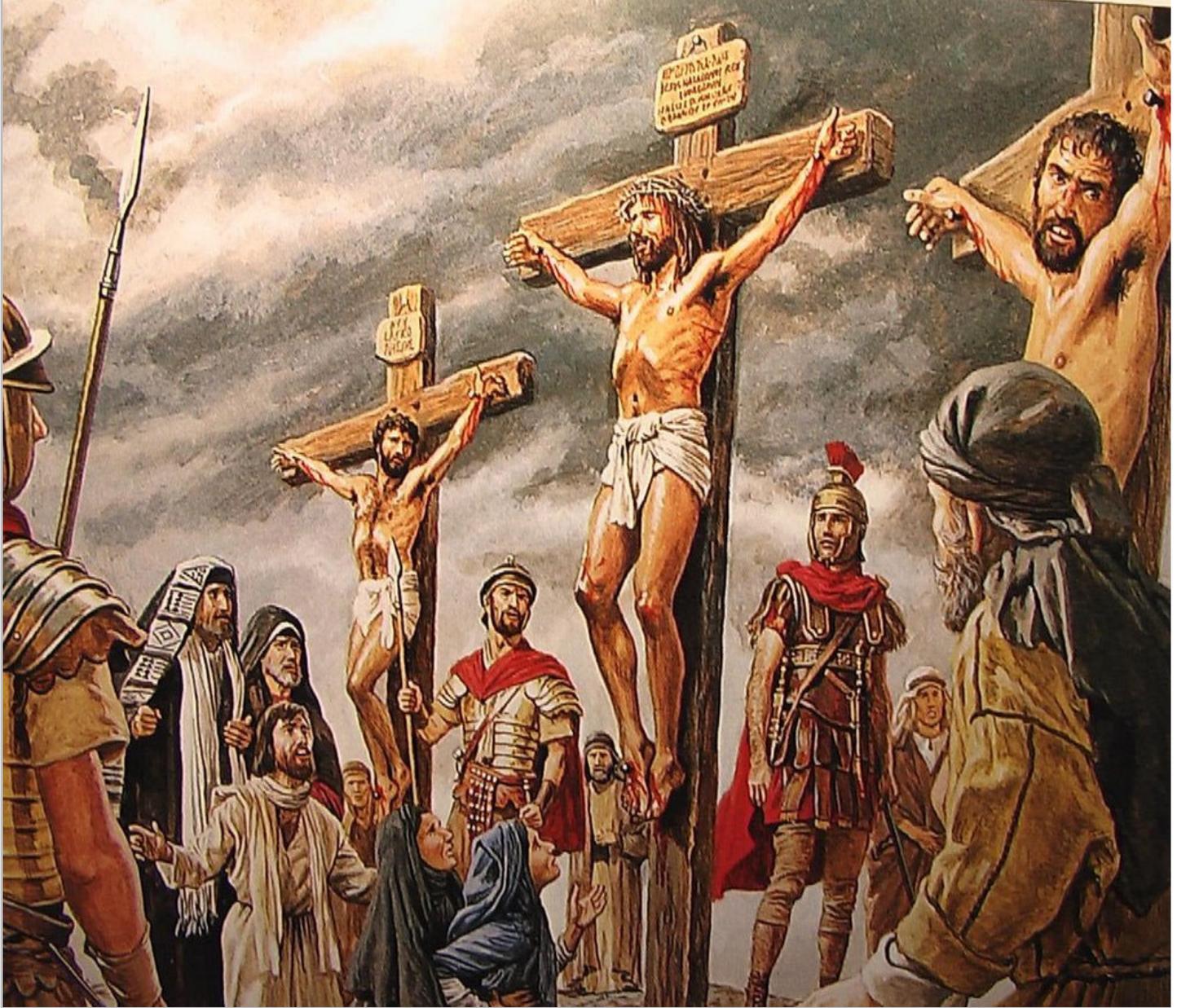


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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24, 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 24, 2019

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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
WED	4:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	St. Joseph Parish Hall
	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph	
THU	6:00pm	The Holy Rosary	St. Catherine of Siena Mission
	Post-Mass	Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations	
FRI	Post-Mass	Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	

Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass

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



Christmas 2019 Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24 – The Vigil of Christmas

4:00pm – St. Joseph, Grosse Tête
 6:00pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maringouin

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

12:00am – St. Frances Cabrini, Livonia
 9:00am – St. Joseph, Grosse Tête
 11:00am – St. Frances Cabrini, Livonia

Confessions will be heard 1 hour before all Masses.

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

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection \$1,210.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection \$1,732.50

St. Frances

Offertory Collection \$1,985.94

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

We continue this week with our exploration of music within the Mass according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the document that guides priest and people in how the Sacred Liturgy is properly celebrated. Last week we covered how the Mass begins through the Liturgy of the Word. This week, we move into the central portion of the liturgy: The Eucharist. While there is a tremendous amount of detail in all of the movements that comprise the Eucharistic Prayer, we're concerning ourselves specifically with how music is used at Mass.

After the Prayers of the Faithful, the portion of the Mass known as The Preparation of the Gifts and the Offertory begin: "The procession bringing the gifts is accompanied by the Offertory chant...which continues at least until the gifts have been placed on the altar. Singing may always accompany the rite at the offertory, even when there is no procession with the gifts." The Instructions says that norms on the manner of singing are the same as for the Entrance chant: "(1) the antiphon from The Roman Missal or the Psalm from the *Roman Gradual* as set to music there or in another musical setting; (2) the seasonal antiphon and Psalm of the *Simple Gradual*; (3) a song from another collection of psalms and antiphons, approved by the Conference of Bishops or the diocesan Bishop" (GIRM, 74). Often, music for the offertory in modern usage defaults to a sort of generic hymn because there isn't actually an English version of the *Roman Gradual* approved by the U.S. Conference of Bishops to correspond with the one used in previous years, nor is there presently an offertory chant for the Missal as there is an Entrance and Communion Antiphon. While a hymn is certainly acceptable, other options would include the possibility of an organ instrumental or even a period of silence in which the priest may speak the formulas of blessing aloud for the people to respond (c.f. 142). Typically at a Sunday Mass, there would at least be an instrumental.

After the Offertory, "the center and summit of the entire celebration begins (78) with the Eucharistic Prayer. Of the parts sung by the choir and the people, the *Sanctus* or Holy, Holy, Holy, "which is part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is sung or said by all the people with the priest" (79). After the calling down of the Holy Spirit (the *Epiclesis*) and the Institution narrative and consecration, the people then acclaim the central mystery that has just been made present (the *Anamnesis*), which is usually done by chant or in song. This fulfills the command of Jesus to Both enter into the moment of Calvary at the altar and continue to keep the memorial as He taught at the Last Supper. It is then concluded after a period of intercession where the priest mentions all those for whom the Mass is being offered to the Father, by the final doxology glorifying the Triune God. The people then acclaim, usually chanted, the great Amen.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the optional Rite of Peace is begun in which "each person offer[s] the sign of peace only to those who are nearest and in a sober manner" (82). Following this rite, which "should not be unnecessarily prolonged" (83), The Fraction Rite in which the Precious Body under the species of The Eucharistic Bread is broken accompanies the chanting of the *Agnus Dei* or "Lamb of God". "The supplication *Agnus Dei*, is, as a rule, sung by the choir or cantor with the congregation responding; or it is, at least, recited aloud. This invocation accompanies the fraction and, for this reason, may be repeated as many times as necessary until the rite has reached its conclusion, the last time ending with the words *dona nobis pacem (grant us peace)*" (83).

"While the priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion chant is begun. Its purpose is to express the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, to show joy of heart, and to highlight more clearly the "communitarian" nature of the procession to receive Communion. The singing is continued for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful. If, however, there is to be a hymn after Communion, the Communion chant should be ended in a timely manner" (86). Much like the Entrance Chant and the Offertory Chant, the

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Communion Chant follows similar guidelines and allowances are made for the Communion chant to give way to a hymn.

"When the distribution of Communion is finished, as circumstances suggest, the priest and faithful spend some time praying privately. If desired, a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation" (88). What is most interesting is that the concluding rites of Mass do not include a "closing hymn" or chant, even though this is a common practice. In the accompanying guidelines issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2007, the following is offered:

"Although it is not necessary to sing a recessional hymn, when it is a custom, all may join in a hymn or song after the dismissal. When a closing song is used, the procession of ministers should be arranged in such a way that it finishes during the final stanza. At times, e.g., if there has been a song after Communion, it may be appropriate to choose an option other than congregational song for the recessional. Other options include a choral or instrumental piece or, particularly during Lent, silence. (Sing to the Lord, 199.)

Next week, we'll look briefly at "Sing to the Lord" from the U.S. Bishops, as well as some of the accompanying documents reflecting on worship in African American communities.

Pax,

St. Joseph Upcoming Events in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Sr. Pot Luck Luncheon at 11:30am
Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00pm

VOCATIONS

The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is a servant-leader, who let go of His life for our sake. Who will follow the example of Jesus and renounce worldly power for the chance to serve all as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of November 24, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Lionel Thymes
St. Joseph: in loving memory Kasey David
St. Frances: in loving memory of Willie Roubique, Jr.
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Willie & Maggie Roubique, Sr.

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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. Frances

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.

St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

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.**

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.