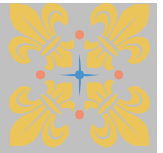




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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 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 DECEMBER 22, 2019

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25];
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14;
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
 Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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	

TriParish Pastoral Center will be closed December 23, 2019—January 1, 2020 for the Christmas and New Year’s Day Holidays.

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.

New Year’s Day Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – The Vigil of New Year

6:00pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maringouin

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – New Year’s Day

6:00pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maringouin

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of December 22, 2019

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Theresa Adell Poole
St. Joseph: in loving memory Wallace “Gun” Perrault
St. Frances: in loving memory of Mary Lee Miletello by St. Frances Ladies Altar Society
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Dora Gueho

YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO OUR PARISHES FOR DECEMBER 15TH AND DECEMBER 22ND WILL BE POSTED AT A LATER DATE.

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

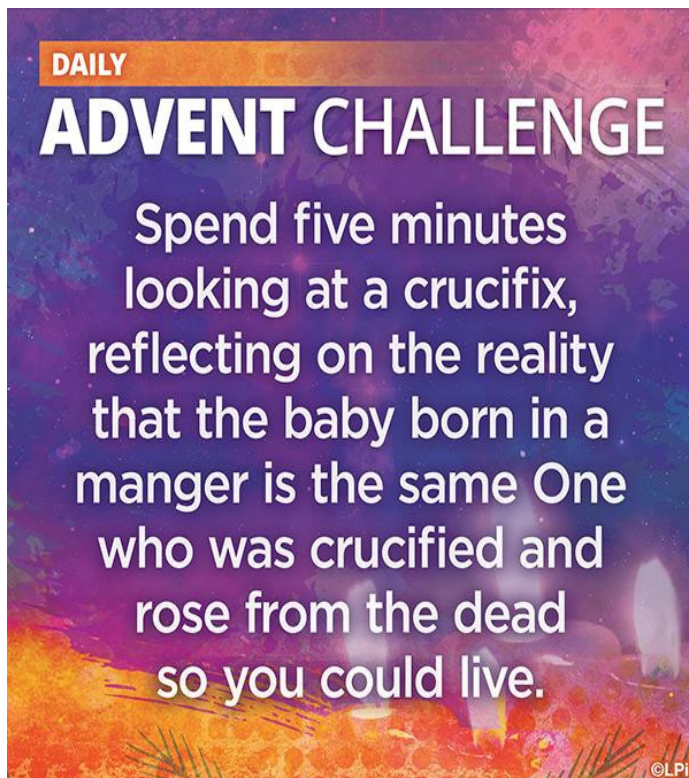
FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Advent Greetings!

A Blessed-yet-brief 4th Week of Advent to you and a Merry Christmas! Whether you read this at the weekend Mass or before one of our Christmas Liturgies it’s my great hope that you and your families are able to enter into the joy of this holy time. While the weather doesn’t always “feel” like Christmas in Louisiana, when we enter our churches the decorations, prayer, and hymnody allow us to experience the glow of the Nativity of Jesus. More than a pious sentiment, Jesus truly is the reason that we are called to worship. Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, the Magi, and even the braying animals show us that the newborn Christ is the center around which our universe turns. When we go to Mass, we see how this is continued and the mission of Jesus is fulfilled. Our Newborn King will go to the cross for us and the sacred altar becomes manger in which we are reborn. As we receive the crucified and risen Jesus in the Eucharist, we come to share in His divine life. Christ is born so that we may be reborn! This is why we come to Mass, not just at Christmas, but each week on The Lord’s Day. We need to reach into the Christmas mystery regularly to receive the graces necessary to respond to the Will of God in our lives. As you come to Mass this week, may it be a new resolution to worship Jesus, to adore Him in The Blessed Sacrament, and to allow Him to enter the most intimate details of your life. May God richly bless you as we enter this Christmas Season and may He enfold you in His Presence in this coming year. On behalf of Fr. Amrit and our TriParishes staff, Merry Christmas!

Pax Christi,

Fr. Amrit



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Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes**

Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule

St. Frances

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **January 13th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **January 14th**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **January 27th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **January 28th**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary

K—10th grade Sunday, **January 5th**, starting with 9:00am Mass

Confirmation Classes

Sunday, **January 5th & 19th**, starting with 11:00am Mass

Dr. Edward Sri

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at St. Ann's in Morganza starting at 6:30pm. "Who Am I to Judge" & "No Greater Love"

Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Catholic Life Center starting with Mass (optional) at 8:30am. Talk on "In the Dust of the Rabbi" starts at 9:30am.

Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Christ the King Parish and Student Center. Talk on "Men, Women and the Mystery of Love: Living Theology of the Body" from 7:00pm—9:00pm.

If you plan on attending a lecture, please RSVP using the link:
<https://learn.evangelatbr.org/rsvp/>



VOCATIONS

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant listening to the voice of God so that you may discover your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? 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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**St. Joseph's Ladies Altar Society
Fried Chicken Dinner**

Will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am—1:00pm. We will also be selling desserts and drinks.



St. Joseph Upcoming Events in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

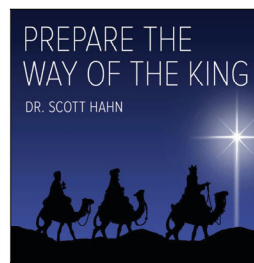
Sr. Pot Luck Luncheon at 11:30am
Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00pm

Wednesday January 8, 2020

Ladies Altar Society Meeting at 6:30pm

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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.