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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2020

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 JANUARY 19, 2020

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings for the of Prayer
 Day
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE TRIPARISHES

MON	Post-Mass	Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit	
	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	
TUE	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	

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of January 19, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Irene Phillips Nereaux.
St. Joseph: in loving memory Juaquin John Denova.
St. Frances: in loving memory of Richard Johnson.
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Anthony Pizzolato.



VOCATIONS

Through your baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Think about a life of service as a priest, sister or brother. Call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Your Stewardship for January 12, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection December 22, 2019	\$2,446.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection December 22, 2019	\$1,090.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection December 22, 2019	\$3,001.00

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

I'm sure by now you're perhaps beginning to "come down" from the week that saw LSU capture the National Championship title. I'm always amazed at how Louisiana celebrates and as I write this from New Orleans at our clergy convocation, I'm pleased to say that my interaction between the fans of Clemson and those of LSU has been extremely cordial; a few fans who've made the trek from Texas have remarked that Louisiana is just "so darn hospitable" they can't help but feel welcome. Even though a significant football win is great, capturing the heart of an "opponent" is a victory that merits mention as well.

In the second reading today, we hear the beginning of St. Paul's letter to the Church at Corinth. As with any letter (or email, more likely in 2020!) there's usually a salutation or greeting at the beginning. In it, St. Paul doesn't just say "hello!", he also reminds the Corinthians of what it means now that they have received a new life:

"...you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 1:2-3)

In this, he says that a Christian is called to be holy — "set apart" from the rest of the world. This doesn't mean that a follower of Jesus is isolated in his or her own group alone, but rather set apart by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the soul. This then sends the disciple of Jesus out into the larger community of believers but also, more importantly into the midst of those who do not know the Lord or perhaps have lost a close connection with Him. This is where others can meet Jesus in us.

Whether or not the lady in the elevator this morning with the orange sweater knew I was a Christian or not (in my purple and gold shirt!), we saw in each other's willingness to say "Good Morning" an invitation to share hospitality. From there, Christ is communicated even if the Name of Jesus never gets spoken. This is the type of greeting that Paul invites Corinth (and us!) into. There's also a promise of grace and peace that will be present to those who set out on this mission.

May a fantastic win by LSU give us great pride, but may it also remind us that the mission to be victorious doesn't just extend to the end of a football season, it extends to the end of our lives and includes those whom we encounter along the way.

Pax Christi,

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

Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule

St. Frances

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, **February 2th**, starting with 9:00am Mass

Confirmation Classes

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

Sunday, **February 2nd**, starting with 11:00am Mass

Sunday, **February 16th**, practice after the 9:00am Mass at St. Joseph in Grosse Tete.

Thursday, **February 20th**, Confirmation at 7:00pm at St. Joseph in Grosse Tete.

TRIPARISH 9TH/10TH GRADE RETREAT

This is mandatory for all Public, Private and Catholic School Students in our TriParish. It will be March 7th from 9:00am—5:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Adult Angola Trip

Anyone 18 years of age or older who wishes to go to Angola on March 14th must call Peggy at the Parish Office (625-2438) or her cell (225-456-0595) no later than February 17th. Also, if you need more information call Peggy.



**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. There will be a Silent Auction and a raffle for a Handmade quilt made by Beverly Amedee and Anita Charleville. You can eat-in or take out. Come socialize with friends and neighbors.



Taste Fair St. Frances – St. Catherine Taste Fair & Live Auction – February 15, 2020

You still have plenty of time to make plans to be there, but now is the time to donate/make something for the live auction. If you have a special talent and can put together an item that others will most definitely want, please consider helping us out with this fundraiser. All items can be brought to St. Frances Cabrini at the 11:00 A.M. Mass, to the office in Maringouin during regular business hours or you can contact Chris David @ 225-937-6579 to make other arrangements.

If you would like to help us during the planning stages, please contact the office @ 225- 625-2438. You can also contact Lycia Doucet @ 225-317-1319 or Chris David.

If you are interested in entering your favorite entrée or appetizer in the taste fair, please contact Jerome Doucet @ 225-202-0428 or Lycia Doucet so they can register you in the competition.

Tickets can be purchased after 11:00am Mass or call the Office. If you would like to help with ticket sales, please contact Lycia or Chris.

Below is a list of items that we've had great success with in the past. Please consider something similar, or think outside the box and come up with something unique, such as that one-of-a kind item that catches everyone's attention. If you know someone who is gifted with the ability to create works of art out of wood, iron, canvas, or other resources consider using your connections by asking them to make something for our auction.

Suggestions: Auction 2020

- Cast Iron Pots—Wrought Iron Items—Wooden Bird Houses
- Picnic Table—Cypress Adirondack Chair—
- Cookies of the Month—Restaurant Basket
- Six Home Cooked Meals—Dessert of the Month
- Handcrafted Wooden Ice Chest—Handmade Afghan
- Handcrafted Wooden Niche with Statue
- Stainless Steel Party Cooler
- Paintings and Wood Carvings from Anita LeJeune, Henry Watson, Allen Crochet
- Wooden Cross or Bench for Outdoor Garden
- Autographed New Orleans Saints and LSU Items

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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.