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



Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 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

THE TRIPARISH PASTORAL CENTER

Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary

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 225.308.9726 : emergency
 pastoralcenter@triparishes.org : email
 www.triparishes.org : web
Office Hours are Monday—Thursday
8:30am—3:30pm

THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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 Thursday, February 6th for staff meeting.



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of February 2, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Marguerite Thompson
St. Joseph: in loving memory Horace Trosclair
St. Frances: in loving memory of Charles LeBlanc, Sr.
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Etma Guerin

In Memoriam

Horace Trosclair, died January 23, 2020 and was interred in St. Joseph Cemetery

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

Your Stewardship for January 26, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection December 22, 2019	\$1,027.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection December 22, 2019	\$2,108.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection December 22, 2019	\$1,974.00

THE PAROCHIAL VICAR'S VIEW

FR. AMRIT RAJ, IMS

Dear friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of the presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. The *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It is also known as the *Feast of the Purification of Mary*, and the *Feast of Candlemas*. It is also called the *Feast of Encounter* because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus.

Today is observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. On this day of the Presentation of the Lord, it is considered suitable for the consecrated religious men and women to renew their evangelical counsels (three vows) which should inspire their offering themselves to the Lord, both in the active and the contemplative way of life.

The first reading, taken from Malachi, the prophet speaks of the Lord suddenly coming to Jerusalem to purify the lax, lazy and indifferent priests of His Temple as silver is purified by fire. Simeon saw the Infant Jesus as the fulfillment of this passage. He saw Jesus as the Lord Who has come to the Temple, "*destined to be the downfall and rise of many in Israel.*"

St. Paul, in the second reading, proclaims Jesus as our Eternal High Priest of the New Covenant (Heb 2:17), Who offered himself on the altar of Calvary, the only pure priestly sacrifice that could please God. He replaces the former priesthood.

As we reflect today's Gospel, the spiritual and personal encounter of Simeon and Anna with the child Jesus in the Temple provides us with many lessons. It was their life of unconditional faith in God and dedication to prayer and fasting that enabled them to recognize the Messiah. It is a reminder that prayer and contemplation are not merely a waste of time but essential ingredients to cultivating a lasting relationship with God. Those who pray and offer sacrifices and do penance are open to the movements of the Spirit in their life. Such persons will know how to recognize the Lord who manifests himself in the various circumstances of life.

Have a wonderful week! May the Lord bless us!

Fr. Amrit Raj.

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Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule

St. Frances

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **February 17th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm at St. Frances Parish Hall.

Elementary on Tuesday, **February 18th**, 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, **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 Saturday, **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. Cost is \$25 to help cover the cost of the bus. Also, if you need more information call Peggy.

VOCATIONS

How blest with happiness are those who know they need God. Blest too are those who respond to God's invitation to announce His Good News as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

St. Joseph Upcoming Events in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

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

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Knights of Columbus Doughnut Breakfast
After the 9:00am Mass

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

At The Livonia Community Center starting at 5:30pm

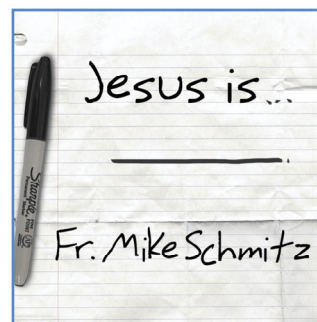
Tickets can be purchased after 11:00am Mass or call the Office. Due to current regulations, only those who are 21 years or older can be admitted.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Jesus is...

By Father Mike Schmitz



In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do you say that I Am?"

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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.