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



CONFIRMATION 2020

First Sunday in Lent - March 1, 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

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Office Hours are Monday—Thursday

8:30am—3:30pm

THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2020

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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	

Lenten Holy Mass Schedule at Immaculate Heart of Mary March 2nd—April 3rd, 2020

Monday: 8:30am Daily Mass
 Tuesday: 8:30am Daily Mass
 5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
 6:30 Lenten Bible Study
 Wednesday: 5:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Daily Mass
 6:45pm Way of the Cross
 Thursday: 8:30am Daily Mass
 Friday: 12 noon Daily Mass
 12:45 pm Way of the Cross

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of March 1, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Annie Bell Hawkins
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Peter Anderson, Jr.
St. Frances: in loving memory of Joseph Doucet, Sr.
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Floyd Joseph Meche

Your Stewardship for February 23, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$1,198.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1,349.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$1,835.00

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Firstly, Fr. Amrit and I would like to congratulate our newly Confirmed parishioners! As Bishop Duca mentioned, being confirmed in the Catholic Faith isn't just about being able to say "I'm an adult in the Church" but most importantly an outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit joined with taking upon our shoulders the Faith that our parents and godparents claimed on our behalf at baptism. It's our hope that these gifts will encourage you to courageously step into life as a Catholic, most especially in our parishes! Know that we're here for you as you become aware of those spiritual gifts beginning to stir in your heart.

One of the ways that we're called to hone our ability to tell what gifts God is bringing about in us is by entering into the seasons of fast and feast of the Church. While the world says that we're supposed to feast all the time, we learn quickly that this isn't physically or spiritually healthy for us. The season of Lent is an opportunity to prepare for the great season of Easter and Christ's resurrection. Since it's such a great feast, we enter first into 40 days to take a kind of inventory of our soul. This is done by increased prayer with God, by fasting from indulgence in order to temper our appetites, and giving alms – both our treasure and our time – to remind us that the world is not our ultimate home. I pray that this holy season becomes rich time of coming to know God's deep love for each of us.

In the TriParishes, I invite you to consider joining us on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 for Eucharistic Adoration in Maringuoin followed by a presentation and discussion on "No Greater Love" by Dr. Edward Sri. This is an opportunity to meditate on The Passion of Jesus and to consider some of the popular questions surrounding the events leading up to and including His time on the cross. Also, Wednesday nights, Confessions at 5pm, Mass at 6pm with the Way of the Cross to follow, are options to grow closer to God this Lent. You're more than welcome to join us at any or all of these opportunities.

Here's to a good, strong, start to Lent and a blessed journey closer to the heart of Jesus.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Amrit



Day Light Saving Time Begins March 8, 2020

Made for Greatness!
Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule

St. Frances

Jr/Sr High on Monday, **March 2nd**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall
 Elementary on Tuesday, **March 3rd**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall
 Jr/Sr High on Monday, **March 16th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall
 Elementary on Tuesday, **March 17th**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall
 Jr/Sr High on Monday, **March 30th**, from 6:00pm—7:15pm in St. Frances Parish Hall
 Elementary on Tuesday, **March 31st**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm in St. Frances Parish Hall

St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary

K—10th grade Sunday, **March 15th**, starting with 9:00am Mass
K—10th grade Sunday, **March 29th**, starting with 9:00am Mass

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ROME



A pilgrimage led by Fr. Amrit Raj from September 21—October 3, 2020, walk in the footsteps of Our Lord and the Early Church! There will also be a public audience with Pope Francis. The cost of the trip is \$3,500.00 per person. This does not include insurance. If you are interested in an unforgettable experience, contact Cindy Babin at 225-625-4529 or Faye Gilliam at 225-648-2787.



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UPCOMING ST. JOSEPH EVENTS

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Sr. Pot Luck Luncheon at 11:00am
 Ladies Altar Society Meeting at 6:30pm
 Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00pm

Sunday March 8, 2020

Knights of Columbus Doughnut Breakfast after the 9:00am Mass at St. Joseph Parish Hall

St. Joseph Altar

March 19, 2020

Holy Mass at 6:00pm

After Mass, the congregation will process to the Hall for the blessing of the St. Joseph Altar followed by a supper.

Anyone wishing to help with the St. Joseph Altar in Grosse Tete please contact Tricia Hurdle at 225-776-1794.

UPCOMING IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY EVENTS



Knights of Peter Claver Men's Annual Fish Fry Dinner

Friday, March 6th
 11:00am—2:00pm

UPCOMING ST. FRANCES EVENTS

Youth Lenten Play

The youth will be performing "The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus" on Friday, March 20th, at 7:00pm and Sunday, March 22nd, at 1:00pm. There will be a Pot Luck after the Sunday performance. Come out and support our youth. Entrance is free but donations are always appreciated.



Preschool Registration 2020-2021 School Year

St. Frances Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications can be found at the entrance of all Churches or call the Parish Office.

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.