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



Third Sunday in Lent - March 15, 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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THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;
 Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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	

In Memoriam

Emily Walsh, died February 23, 2020 and was interred in St. Joseph Cemetery
 Angelo Canezaro, died February 26., 2020 and was interred in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery.
 Rose Lee Soulier died February 28, 2020 and was interred in St. Frances Cemetery
 Charlie Gougisha, died February 29, 2020 and was interred in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery
 Gary Rivet, died March 2, 2020 and was interred in Rosedale Cemetery
 Thelma Stephens, died March 2, 2020 and was interred in St. Joseph Cemetery
 Lorraine Crotwell, died March 5, 2020 and was interred in Rosedale Cemetery
 Samuel Thompson, died March 9, 2020 and was interred in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord,
 And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.*

Your Stewardship for March 8, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$1,807.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$187.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1,781.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$269.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$2,670.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$220.00

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Lenten Greetings!

As we cross into the third week of Lent, we're confronted in the Old Testament readings for Mass with one of the many grumbings of Israel during their 40 year sojourn through the desert. This time, they are parched because of the arid landscape Moses has guided them across. Moses is simply listening to The Lord, trusting that the direction he is being told to lead the Israelites is the right one and the Lord will see to it that they arrive safely. The crowds are not so trusting and it looks as if Moses may find the sharp end of a volley of stones. He cries out to God on their behalf and is given instructions on how to strike the rock and provide miraculous water for the people. The people drank and were satisfied for the moment, but only for a moment.

The very name of the place the Israelites left behind, *Meriba and Massah*, is translated as "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Sometimes Lent can feel this way, as can life. Do I trust the Lord is near me in moments where my Lenten penance is most difficult? Can I allow the Lord to guide me through the tough bits in my family or work life? Ultimately, whether it's dealing with the flu and the epidemics sweeping the world, my grueling homework assignment, or even the large pile of unwashed laundry, the Lord wishes us to follow him in trust and allow Him to give us life giving water. If you're like me, the third week of Lent is the time when I'm tempted to get a little grumpy about my penances (and sometimes life in general!) and am on the cusp of throwing in the towel and saying "maybe next Lent!". But there is someone greater than Moses who helps me to push onward to Holy Week. Jesus Christ, the source of life and wishes to sustain us, even as we can sometimes limp through Lent. The Sacraments and our lives of prayer are the sure sources of this water that we seek and they are graciously given to us in The Church.

Let us continue our 40 day journey together and be assured of my prayers for you as The Lord is very much in our midst!

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Reflection Questions for the 3rd Week of Lent

What are you thirsting for spiritually, and how will you cultivate that thirst?

What relationships in your life do you long to mend, and how can you begin?

Who are the outcasts you encounter, and how can you show them God's partiality for them during Lent and Easter?

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of March 15, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Gary Rivet

St. Joseph: in loving memory of Lorraine Crotwell

St. Frances: in loving memory of John Blanchard

St. Catherine: in loving memory of Sidney Chustz

Made for Greatness!
Youth and Young Adults in our TriParishes

Tri-Parish School of Religion Schedule

St. Frances

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

First Communion

St. Frances

Practice Tuesday, **April 21st**, from 5:00pm—6:30pm

1st Eucharist Sunday, **April 26th**, at the 11:00am Mass

St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary

Practice Monday, **April 27th**, @ 6:00pm in Grosse Tete

1st Eucharist Sunday, **May 3rd**, at the 9:00am Mass in Grosse Tete

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 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY EVENTS



Fish Fry Dinner

Friday, March 27th & April 3rd

11:00am—2:00pm

Donation is \$9.00

Sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

ST. JOSEPH UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Last years St. Joseph's Altar was such a great success we will try to make it bigger and better this year. Please let me know if you'd like to help. I am in need of bakers. Please consider sharing your talents this Lent! Looking forward to a great turn out!

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

ST. FRANCES UPCOMING 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.



VOCATIONS

If we open ourselves to Jesus as did the Samaritan woman, then His grace will help us to know ourselves as He knows us and to follow His call--perhaps as a priest, brother or sister. If God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

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.