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



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 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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Office Hours are Monday—Thursday

8:30am—3:30pm

THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab,39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE TRIPARISHES

	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	6:00pm	The Holy Rosary	St. Joseph Church
THU	Post-Mass	Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations	
FRI	First Friday	Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	

Mass Schedule and Procedures

Weekend Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturdays 4:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Sundays 9:00am and 11:00am at St. Frances.
 Sunday 9:00am at St. Joseph.

You need to register by going to triparishes.org, click on home and then Mass Sign up. If you do not have a computer or need help please call the office. Right now we are at 50% capacity. So Immaculate Heart of Mary can have 80 people, St. Joseph can have 60 people and St. Frances can have 65 people.

When attending Mass we will sanitize your hands before you enter the church and while in church you must wear a mask at all times except when receiving communion.

Week day Mass schedule:

At Immaculate Heart of Mary at 8:30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and First Friday.

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Dr. James O'Neal
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Morris E. Nichols
St. Frances: in loving memory of Theresa Chenevert
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Rhonda Guillory



THE VICAR'S VIEW

FR. AMRIT RAJ

Dear friends in Christ,

In our meditative readings of today's word of God help us to realize that Divine Providence is not simply a matter of knowing God's generosity but experiencing His unconditional love and constant care in providing for our needs.

God provides us unconditionally: In the First Reading from the book of prophet Isaiah we hear about the free gift of God's mercy. He invites His faithful to come, eat and drink from his hands irrespective of our individual status. Anyone can approach God for His love. No one is a stranger at His door.

God provides us in season and out of season: Saint Paul in today's second reading exhorts the Romans to recognize the depth of Jesus' love for them. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Nothing can be an obstacle to God's generosity and providence.

God provides us in abundance: The Gospel presents an actual life situation in which Jesus feeds five thousand people. The compassion which flowed from the meek and humble heart of Jesus, the number of people who enjoyed this divine providence, and the number of baskets left over only indicate the superabundance of God's mercy.

Mother Teresa relates a story showing how generous the poor are, and how ready to share what little they have with others because they themselves have experienced hunger and poverty. Learning of a poor Hindu family in Calcutta who had been starving for many days, Mother Teresa visited them and gave a parcel of rice to the mother of the family. She was surprised to see that the woman divided the rice into two equal portions and gave one to her Moslem neighbor. When Mother Teresa asked her why she had done such a sacrificial deed, the woman replied: "My family can manage with half of what you brought. My neighbor's family is in greater need because they have several children who are starving."

In the Synoptic Gospels' account, the Apostles (in John's account, a young boy), gave Jesus all they/he had — five small loaves of barley bread and two dried fish, — and Jesus used that tiny amount to feed a multitude. Thus, either the apostles, or the young boy, became the instrument of a miracle in Jesus' hands.

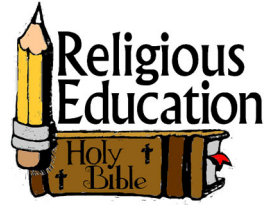
We too, can perform miracles in our own time and place, by imitating the four "Eucharistic actions" of Jesus: take humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others in God's love, break away from our own needs and selfish interests for the sake of others, give with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much. We need to be generous in sharing God's blessings: We need to share our blessings with others around us, generously and sacrificially, in order to alleviate their spiritual and physical hunger. God lavishly blesses the large-hearted, who generously and sacrificially share their resources with others.

Best wishes and a blessed week!

Fr. Amrit.

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Your Stewardship for July 26, 2020	
Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$1,202.00
On-Line Giving	\$25.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1,758.00
On-Line Giving	\$190.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection June 21, 2020	\$1,262.00
On-Line Giving	\$645.00



The planning start date of the TriParish PSR classes will be around Advent. When a final decision had been made parents will be notified.



Preschool Registration 2020-2021 School Year

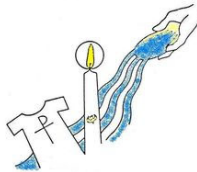
St. Frances Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications can be found at the entrance of all Churches or call the Parish Office.

REBORN IN HOLY BAPTISM

Our TriParishes extend a warm welcome to those claimed for Jesus Christ and His Holy Church:

Holland Faith Rivet, child of Clint Rivet and Lisa Lewis who was baptized July 26, 2020 at St. Joseph Church.

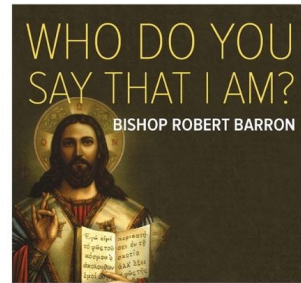
Hadley Brooks Kern, child of Michael Kern and Alyssa Chustz who was baptized July 26, 2020 at St. Frances Cabrini Church.



VOCATIONS

If God is calling you to full-service in the Church, do not be afraid. Jesus promised He would be with us always. So, if you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK



Who Do You Say That I Am?

Bishop Barron illuminates with conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testaments and how the living legacy of Christ is proclaimed by the Church.

[SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](https://formed.org/signup)

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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.