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



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23, 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
 Fordoche, 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 23, 2020

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
 Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
 Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
 Mt 16:21-27

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.

Sundays 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 23, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory Effie Vallet

St. Joseph: in loving memory of Verna Fusilier

St. Frances: in loving memory of Sue Guidroz

St. Catherine: in loving memory of Rhonda Guillory



THE VICAR'S VIEW

FR. AMRIT RAJ

Dear brothers and sisters,

The main theme of all three readings of today is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children.

The most important word in today's readings is KEY. In both the Old and New Testaments, keys symbolize power and authority. The nature of that power and authority varies depending on the context.

In the first reading God promises to give the keys of the house of David to Eliakim with sole authority over his royal household. It also tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish officials. He removed the proud "master of the royal palace" from his office, taking from Shebna the power and responsibility of which he had proven unworthy, and gave both to the humble and faithful Eliakim. The *robe*, the *sash*, and the *keys* are the insignia of this office.

St. Paul, in today's second reading, praises God for the depth of His wisdom, knowledge, and correct judgments, asserting that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven.

In the Gospel we see Jesus promising keys of the kingdom to Peter. The two questions that Jesus asked his disciples reveal two keys that person may use in order to know God in Jesus: knowledge ("who do people say that I am?"), and experience ("who do you say that I am?"). The danger in using only the first key is to limit oneself to theology. The danger in using only the second key is to ignore the light of reason in our spirituality. Thus, Jesus couples the second key with revelation ("My Father has revealed this to you."). We need both keys because theology without spirituality is like bones without flesh, and spirituality without theology is like flesh without bones.

Today Jesus asks this question to you and me "who do 'you' say that I am?" I can give a personal answer if only I have the personal experience of Jesus. If we don't have it, we remain in 'knowledge' level and if we have the personal encounter with Jesus then we also remain in 'experience' level. The combination of both knowledge and experience help us to strike the balance.

Best wishes!

Fr. Amrit Raj '17

Your Stewardship for August 16, 2020	
Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$667.00
On-Line Giving	\$25.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1,617.00
On-Line Giving	\$770.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$2,309.00
On-Line Giving	\$631.00



We are in need of a 4th grade Catechism teacher at St. Frances and 3rd & 4th grade teacher at St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray and see if God is calling you to serve our youth by teaching them about our faith.



We are planning the start date of the TriParish PSR classes to be around Advent. When a final decision has been made parents will be notified.



Father, we praise You for who You are. We give You thanks because You created us in your own image. Also we pray for knowledge and understanding for teachers, pupils and parents. We pray that you will be with our teachers and pupils as they start a new school year. We pray that you will give pupils tenacity as they seek for understanding and new revelations in their studies. Father we also pray for parents, that they will support pupils by building a closer working relationship with teachers and staff. This we ask in Jesus Name.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Lectio: Prayer

With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

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VOCATIONS

Let us pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life as a Church—not only for our diocese, but also for the Church throughout the world. If God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

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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.