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



*Take up
 your
 cross
 and
 follow me*

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 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 30, 2020

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
 Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
 Mt 18:15-20

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 30, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory Rhonda Pourciau
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Eddie Hafford
St. Frances: in loving memory of Charles Elore Gueho by St. Frances Ladies Altar Society
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Clifford LaCombe



THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY

FR. CHRISTOPHER DECKER

Greetings!

I know it seems like forever and a day since last I wrote an article for our parish bulletin. I can only beg your forgiveness for my absence from the printed word. Although, I must say I've been enjoying Fr. Amrit's reflection each week!

As many of you know, I've been recovering from a relatively new issue with diverticulitis these last few months. I was essentially in bed for most of the month of June and part of July. I've only just resumed a fairly regular office schedule again. I appreciate your prayers as I've recovered. I want you to know that I didn't let the suffering go to waste. While cooped up in my bed, I made sure to offer whatever difficulties I was having that particular day for your intentions. I know that this has been a particularly tough and uncertain time for just about all of us. We may not have the same ease of visiting one another or even worshipping God together with the present restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 response, but we still experience the journey of faith together.

One of the projects that is near completion is our shared TriParish Pastoral Center in Maringouin. One of my great hopes back in 2016 when I was named pastor was to have a functional shared administrative office. The rectory in Maringouin was the residence for priests for many years and had yet to truly transition into an office space. I think I can speak for the entire staff when I say it's now a comfortable place to work as well as meet with parishioners for appointments, business meetings, and plan for weddings and funerals. We've gained a small conference room for the staff and a workroom for volunteers. If you're in the area, please stop by for a walk-through. While there are a few finishing touches yet to be done, we're happy to welcome you! Thanks for your support of our shared TriParish efforts.

By the time you read this, we will hopefully be on the other side of Hurricane Laura and its aftermath. Know that as these words are written, Fr. Amrit and I are praying for your safety. Let us continue to ask Our Lady's intercession as we move into this active time of hurricane season:

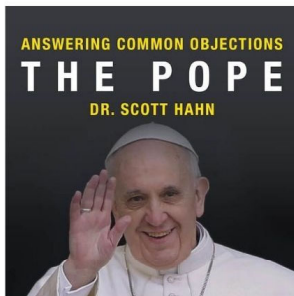
Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pax Christi,

Your Stewardship for August 23, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$1,496.00
On-Line Giving	\$25.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$345.00
On-Line Giving	\$120.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$1,973.00
On-Line Giving	\$275.00

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.

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

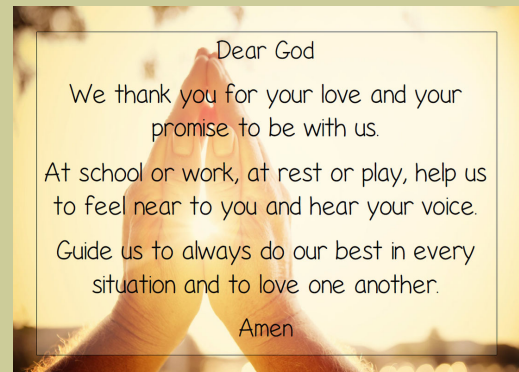
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We are in need of a 4th grade Catechism teacher at St. Frances and 3rd & 4th grade teacher at St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray and see if God is calling you to serve our youth by teaching them about our faith.



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.



VOCATIONS

If you wish to follow Him, Jesus said you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him. Are you courageous enough to follow Jesus as a priest, brother or sister? If so, 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.