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

**MATTHEW 18:21-22 - THEN  
 CAME PETER TO HIM, AND SAID,  
 LORD, HOW OFT SHALL MY  
 BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME, AND  
 I FORGIVE HIM? TILL SEVEN  
 TIMES? 22 JESUS SAITH UNTO  
 HIM, I SAY NOT UNTO THEE,  
 UNTIL SEVEN TIMES: BUT, UNTIL  
 SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN.**

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13, 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**  
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 Fardoche, LA 70732

**THE TRIPARISH PASTORAL CENTER**

Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary  
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 225.308.9726 : emergency  
 pastoralcenter@triparishes.org : email  
 www.triparishes.org : web  
**Office Hours are Monday—Thursday  
 8:30am—3:30pm**

## THE MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a, 28:2

### 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](http://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 September 13, 2020

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory Mary Webber

**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Elizabeth Perry

**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Karli LaCombe

**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Rhonda LaCombe

## THE VICAR'S VIEW

FR. AMRIT RAJ

Dear friends,

The common theme of today's readings is "forgiveness"

To make mistake is human but to forgive is divine.

In today's first reading (Sir:28/2-3) we hear that pardon your neighbor any wrongs done to you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If anyone nurses anger against another, can one then demand compassion from the Lord?

As per the Jewish laws it was enough to forgive the offender three times but in today's Gospel St. Peter comes up with generosity asking the Lord, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answers, 'Not seven, but seventy-seven times.' That means there is no limit for "forgiveness"

The Lord will forgive my sins and wrongdoings if only I forgive my offenders. This is what we pray daily and very often in "our Father who art in heaven.... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us".

For the judgement is merciless to one who has not shown mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. (St. James 2/13)

Divine forgiveness takes place when humans forgive each other.

Lord, to be honest I should say, the main character in your parable regarding the ungrateful servant, makes me indignant and angry. How could he be so vile and inhuman! How could he fail to understand the goodness of the king from which he has just benefited! He is so insensitive to the plea of his fellow servant who owed him only a paltry sum and was pleading for some respite. But my anger melts away and is replaced by shame and fear as I realize that I could be that unforgiving servant deserving your stern judgement! Time and again when I have failed to forgive my offenders, I too have proved myself ungrateful and unmindful of the numerous times you showered your mercy on me and forgave my debts. My only refuge is that you are a God who is moved to compassion at our misery. Give me a forgiving heart. Let me always forgive, ever conscious of the number of times I have been forgiven.

When we practice the divine qualities like forgiveness, mercy and compassion, we reflect the eternal love of Christ. Thus, we can also fulfil in our lives the purpose for which Christ both died and came to life again: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Then alive or dead we will belong to the Lord. (Rom:14/7-9)

May the Lord bless your efforts,

Fr.Amrit.

*Fr. Amrit*

## Your Stewardship for September 6, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$2096.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1,032.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$2415.00
Maintenance Fund	\$2,521.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$2,240.00
Maintenance Fund	\$531.00

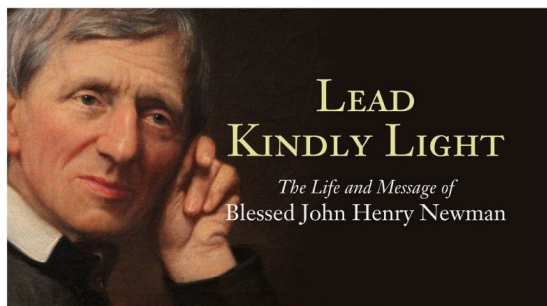


We are in need of a 4th grade Catechism teacher at St. Frances and 3rd & 4th grade teacher at St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray and see if God is calling you to serve our youth by teaching them about our faith.



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.

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



### Lead Kindly Light

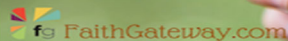
An influential teacher, a distinguished theologian, a man who endured many trials, a father of souls—Saint John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890) remains as fresh and relevant today as he was during his lifetime. In this engaging film, Fr. Nicholas Schofield and Fr. Marcus Holden, hosts of several other Ignatius films, present the inspiring story of Newman's life and visit the places in England where he lived and worked.

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~JENNIFER PRICE~



### Vocations

Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Will you share your faith? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon, call or email Father Matt Merrick at (225) 336-8778, [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).

### CLERGY, STAFF & SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.