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



So the last
 will be first
 and the first,
last.
 For many are called

but few chosen.

MATTHEW 20 SIXTEEN

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 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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 225.625.3513 : fax
 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 20, 2020

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;
 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
 Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
 Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
 Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
 Mt 21:28-32

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.

In Memoriam

Karlie LaCombe died on September 5, 2020 and was interred at St. Frances Cemetery.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord,
 And Let the Perpetual Light Shine upon her.*

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of September 20, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory Rhonda Pourciau

St. Joseph: in loving memory of Wayne Spina

St. Frances: in loving memory of Karlie LaCombe

St. Catherine: in loving memory of Brian Gueho

THE VICAR'S VIEW

FR. AMRIT RAJ

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's readings are all about our sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy often seems, in our view, to override His justice, as God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously by opening Heaven for the Gentiles and the Jews.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds the exiles in Babylon that their God is more merciful than they are, and more forgiving. He is ready to pardon their infidelity to God, which has resulted in their exile. Their merciful God will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. Hence, Isaiah exhorts them, and us, to seek the Lord and to put aside evil ways that we may receive His mercy and forgiveness.

In the second reading, Paul offers himself as an example of total submission, aided by God's grace, to His will. Paul is ready to live continuing his mission, or to die and join the Lord, whichever is God's will.

The landowner in the Gospel story today appears quite strange and unusual, to say the least. I do not think that Jesus intended to present this landowner as a model for employers. To imitate this landowner would be inviting the ruin of any enterprise. Obviously, Jesus is not advocating social injustice! He has some other teaching in mind. The employer in the parable seems to be concerned not so much about the work pending completion but much more about the plight of the employed workers whose families would go hungry that day if they were not employed. This employer proves to be extraordinarily kind and compassionate and incredibly generous. The wages are distributed not in proportion to the work done but in response to the real need of the worker. That of course is not the justice formula of the world. It is God's justice which has other names such as mercy, compassion, divine benevolence and bounty. Thank you, Lord, for showing me through this beautiful story how rich my God is in mercy and abounding in love towards the poor and the needy.

"Are you envious because I am generous?" There was a guy who died and was being given a tour of heaven, and he saw a friend of his drive by in a beautiful Mercedes. He said, "Boy, this is great! "Oh, yes," St. Peter said, "your friend was really generous on earth; we had a lot to work with. Your transportation up here depends on your generosity down there." Then St. Peter gave him his transportation: a Honda motor scooter. He said, "Wait a minute, he gets a Mercedes, and I get a scooter? "That's right, it's all we had to work with." So, the guy drove off in a huff. A week later Peter saw this guy all smiles and said, "You feel better now?" The guy said, Yea, I have ever since I saw my preacher go by on a skateboard!

A life of generosity reflects God's nature in a special way. Surely, God is just; but He is also outrageously generous and merciful at the same time. We do not get what we deserve. Rather God gives us more than we deserve. Today, He calls each one of us to be a generous people.

Best wishes!

Fr. Amrit Raj

Your Stewardship for September 13, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection	\$1,129.00
Online Giving Sept. 6th & 13th	\$140.00
Hurricane Relief	\$624.00

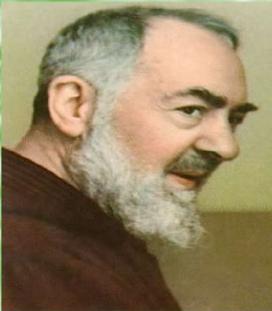
St. Joseph

Offertory Collection	\$1,086.00
Online Giving Sept. 6th & 13th	\$560.00
Hurricane Relief	\$954.00

St. Frances

Offertory Collection	\$2441.00
Online Giving Sept. 6th & 13th	\$1,471.00
Hurricane Relief	\$1,590.00

Padre Pio



“Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

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Vocations

Life in service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother or sister. For help as you think about this, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

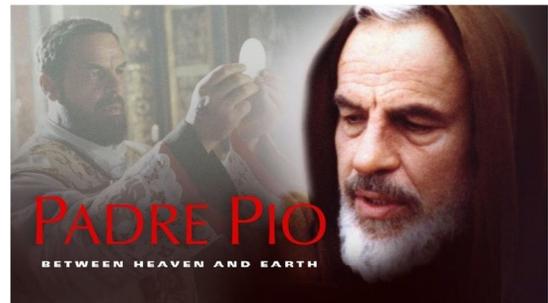


We are in need of a 3rd & 4th grade teacher at St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray and see if God is calling you to serve our youth by teaching them about our faith.



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



Padre Pio

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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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.