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

Prayer leads to salvation with the Lord

**"Therefore,
 stay awake,
 for you know
 neither the day
 nor the hour."**

Mt 25:13



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 8, 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

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Office Hours are Monday—Thursday
8:30am—3:30pm

The Mass Readings for The Week of November 8, 2020

Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Devotional Life in The TriParishes

	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	
TUE	9:00am	The Holy Rosary	St. Joseph Parish Hall Hosted 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 Monday—
Thursday and 1st Friday.

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of November 8, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Eric Matherne
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Alex & Florence Chauffe
St. Frances: in loving memory of Kayla Bonaventure
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Willie & Maggie Roubique, Sr.



The Vicar's View

Fr. Amrit Raj

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel, the parable of Jesus has five well-prepared, wise women, the first reading chosen for today is one which personifies wisdom as a woman. The author advises Jews in Alexandria not to envy the wisdom of the pagan philosophers, because they themselves have true wisdom in their Sacred Scripture, a wisdom which regulates not only this life but the next also. Hence, they must live their lives in strict conformity with the Divine wisdom given them so generously by God.

In the second reading, St. Paul offers Christian wisdom, assuring those Christians who expected Jesus' second coming in their lifetime that the death and Resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who die before Jesus' *second coming*. But they need to be alert, well-prepared and vigilant.

In the Gospel, parable of the ten virgins, the foolish virgins represent the "Chosen People of God" who were waiting for the Messiah but were shut out from the messianic banquet because they were unprepared.

All of us have the experience of preparing for various events that crop up in life. The success or failure of these events depends a large deal on the kind of preparation that went before it. While we may be lucky at times, we can't rely on luck every time. Even if we are lucky, we don't have the satisfying joy that would come from the success that was a result of assiduous hard work and preparation. So, wisdom lies in our sincere preparation. Today's Gospel asks us to be thorough in life. The five wise attendants were thorough in their preparedness for the bridegroom's arrival. They anticipated delay, they planned for eventualities, they took spare resources. The five foolish attendants are representative of those of us who begin well but don't sustain the momentum, and eventually slacked and panic and end up badly.

The awaited next coming of the Lord is immanent, but we can expect delay. Hence, we need to anticipate the eventuality of temptations that makes us lose our focus, and carry with us the resources of alertness, patience, prayer, faith, hope and love.

May the Lord bless us with His Divine Wisdom to be alert and ready to meet the Lord any time!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Amrit Raj

Your Stewardship for November 1, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$2,002.00
Online Giving	\$25.00
Maintenance	\$756.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1,720.00
Online Giving	\$245.00
Maintenance	\$1719.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$2,545.00
Online Giving	\$1,350.00
Maintenance	\$1,549.00

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to clean Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Thursday, November 12th, starting after the 8:30am Mass. Please bring mops, bucket and cleaning supplies.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GIVING TREE

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church has a long tradition of remembering those less fortunate during the holiday season. Our "Giving Tree" will be located at the front entrance of the church.

Pleased support this project by doing the following:

If you know a needy child under the age of 10 please submit their name by November 15th. Forms will be located at the entrance of the church or from Theresa Hollins (625-2601)

If you want to participate:

1. Choose an ornament from the tree
2. Ornament will have whether it is a boy or girl and the child's age and size. (toys and clothing are acceptable)
3. The ornaments will be available for pick-up by November 21st
4. Please return both the ornament and your gift by the tree on or before December 10th.

Your prayers and generosity are much appreciated.
Theresa Hollins 225-625-2601

TriParish School of Religion Parent Meetings

We are getting ready to start our Catechism Classes. This year it will be done partially online and partially in person. To get this started we will have a Parent meeting to explain how this year will work as well as giving out the books. You will receive an email with a code to get in and there is a letter you will have to sign before your child can start. If you do not have a computer at your house or no internet please call Peggy at the Parish Office. The meetings will be as follows:

St. Frances PSR

In St. Frances Parish Hall

Grades K—5th on Monday, November 9th, at 6:00pm

Grades 6th—10th on Monday, November 16th, at 6:00pm

St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary PSR

In St. Joseph Parish Hall

All Grades on Wednesday, November 18th, at 6:00pm

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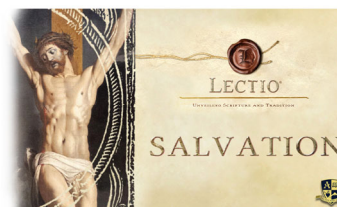
PICK OF THE WEEK
November 8, 2020



LUKAS STORYTELLER
Journey with Lukas and Noah as they recount the great stories of Jesus and the saints throughout history!

WATCH

LECTIO: SALVATION
What does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable ten-part video series, Scripture scholar and Augustine Institute Graduate School professor Michael Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.



LEARN



THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE BY MATT MAHER
Matt Maher, an internationally acclaimed Christian singer, song writer, and eight-time Grammy Award nominee, shares the amazing story of his spiritual journey.

LISTEN

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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.