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# MATTHEW 25



*Whatever you do for the least ..*

**Solemnity of Christ the King, November 22, 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  
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 225.625.3513 : fax  
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 www.triparishes.org : web  
**Office Hours are Monday—Thursday**  
**8:30am—3:30pm**

## The Mass Readings for The Week of November 22, 2020

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28  
 Thanksgiving Day (suggested):  
 Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### 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	

### Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass Schedule

Thursday, November 26, 2020, 8:30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday, December 7, 2020 Vigil Holy Mass 6:00pm

### Advent Penance / 1st Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 6:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of November 22, 2020

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of Daisy Ward  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Jessie Romig  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gueho  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Rhonda Guillory

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**Psalm 106: 1** – Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
 When the purpose of a thing is not known then abuse is inevitable.

We read in 1 **Thessalonians 5: 18** – in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Note, it says ‘in everything’ not ‘for everything’.

## The Vicar's View

Fr. Amrit Raj

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Scripture Readings of today revolve around the Last Judgment scene of Jesus Christ coming in glory and power.

It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as Ruler, and Christian values, back into lives of Christians, into society, and into politics.

Polycarp, the second century bishop of Smyrna, was arrested and brought before the Roman authorities. He was told if he cursed Christ, he would be released. He replied, “Eighty-six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong; how then can I blaspheme my King, Jesus Christ Who saved me?” The Roman officer replied, “Unless you change your mind, I will have you burnt.” But Polycarp said, “You threaten a fire that burns for an hour, and after a while is quenched; for you are ignorant of the judgment to come and of everlasting punishment reserved for the ungodly. Do what you wish.”

Today's Gospel describes Christ the King coming in Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives.

In what category do your good works fall? Does merely keeping the ten commandments qualify as good works? The ten commandments are a set of don'ts. Jesus is more interested in the dos. Not without reason, Jesus summarizes the ten commandments into two positive dos: Love of God and love of neighbor. On judgement day, we are going to be judged by our dos. What have I done to uplift the poor, the lonely, the starving, the naked, the homeless, the imprisoned? Human weaknesses may cause us to fumble in keeping the commandments, but human sensitivity ought to help us act on behalf of the less privileged. We may genuinely struggle with some of the commandments; however, there is no excuse for our sins of omission. Therefore, we need to be attentive to the promptings of God's Spirit and respond to his commissioning of us to serve. Am I drifting towards the goats, or am I being drawn towards the sheep - the sheep that hear and follow their shepherd's voice?

A special word of thanks and appreciation for all your support specially your prayerful support to Fr. Chris Decker, the staff and me. Kindly continue to pray for us and at this juncture, Fr. Chris needs special prayers because of his additional responsibility as the secretary to the Diocesan level communication, thus his hands are really full now!

Let us march ahead towards the Kingdom united in mind and heart, supporting each other specially through prayers.

Best wishes!

*Fr. Amrit Raj '17*

**Your Stewardship for November 15, 2020**

<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	
Offertory Collection	\$819.00
Online Giving	\$55.00
<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Offertory Collection	\$1,783.00
Online Giving	\$245.00
<b>St. Frances</b>	
Offertory Collection	\$2,425.00
Online Giving	\$561.00

**ST. FRANCES GIVING TREE**

The tags for the giving tree will be put in St. Frances Church the weekend of November 22, 2020. Remember to put your name and phone on the sheet next to the tag that you take, watch for whether you take Livonia or Valverde tags. Be sure to securely attached tag to the gift and return it no later than Sunday, December 13, 2020. You can also bring the gift to the office. Any questions please call Peggy at the Parish Office.



**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)

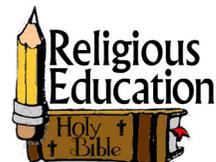
**If you want to participate:**

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.

Please note that we have finally started our Catechism Program. You should have received an email from [my-catholicfaithdelivered.com](mailto:my-catholicfaithdelivered.com). For some people this email is going to spam. Call Peggy at the Parish Office if you have any of the following problems:

- You missed the meetings
- You did not receive the email
- You do not have a computer

Also, call if you have any other questions. 625-2438



**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Through Our Service to Others, We Continue the Mission

With a call to *Continue the Mission*, our spiritual shepherd Bishop Michael G. Duca invites you to participate in the aims of the Bishop's Annual Appeal again this year. We have experienced a challenging season of difficulty and loss, and those among us most in need have been acutely affected. Their needs are widespread, but so is the heart of God's faithful people in our caring and generous Diocese of Baton Rouge. We wisely draw hope and purpose from Christ who persevered and sacrificed all for us, believing "*the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus*" (Phil 1:6).

Loving and generous parishioners, you and compassionate fellow Catholics in our parish have long extended your love for Christ, the Church, and our neighbors throughout this community, consistently offering your support to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year, your gifts will encourage college students, helping sustain the vital work of Diocesan University Ministries. Your gifts will ensure a quality Catholic education through the Catholic Education Tuition Assistance program. You will help to fund the training of future priests and religious, will promote the essential work of Catholic Charities, and will support and provide meaningful care to others through the Bishop's Pence. Please take the opportunity to make your commitment of support by completing your pledge—using the packet mailed to you, the forms available online, or pledge cards you will find available in the pew very soon.

If you've yet to receive your packet, call the Office of Stewardship, (225)336-8790, or send the office an email message, [stewardship@diobr.org](mailto:stewardship@diobr.org). Encouraging others all across the capital region, you assist ministries like those listed above and more. Please visit [www.officeofstewardship.com](http://www.officeofstewardship.com) to learn about the many ways your contributions enhance the lives of others.

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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.