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



**First Sunday of Advent November 29, 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**  
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**Office Hours are Monday—Thursday**  
**8:30am—3:30pm**

## The Mass Readings for The Week of November 29, 2020

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### 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	

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

Monday, December 7, 2020 Vigil Holy Mass 6:00pm  
 Tuesday December 8, 2020, Holy Mass at 6:00pm

### Advent Penance / 1st Reconciliation

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

### Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

4:00pm at St. Joseph  
 6:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary  
 Midnight at St. Frances

#### Christmas Day

9:00am at St. Frances and at St. Joseph  
 11:00am at St. Frances and Immaculate Heart of Mary

#### New Year's Eve

6:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary

#### New Year's Day

6:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of November 29, 2020

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** in loving memory of The Matherne & Martin Family  
**St. Joseph:** in loving memory of Shirley Sexton  
**St. Frances:** in loving memory of Mary Lee Miletello  
**St. Catherine:** in loving memory of Hazel Guidry

Greetings all,

I remember in college pulling “all nighters” occasionally to study for a particularly difficult exam. The thought was (and still is, apparently!) that cramming information into the brain would somehow evaporate if there was a period of sleep in between the “upload” and the “download” onto the test paper. Neuroscience has more or less proved that this is a bad idea, since the brain needs rest for so many reasons, the least of which is converting short-term memory into long-term memory!

As we enter into the season of Advent the first Gospel passage we hear exhorts us to “be watchful” and “be alert”, like servants awaiting the return of the master of the house. This isn’t easy to do in a college all-nighter and it can be especially difficult to remain spiritually on-guard. In the same way there are so many distractions that can cause a brain to forget the importance of the task at-hand, there are many distractions in our world that seek to draw us away from the primary aim of our lives: to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Advent, the very word means “to come towards”, is a time where we ask God to help achieve what is otherwise impossible for us: to have hearts and minds always ready for Him to arrive. Only God can help us to read properly the signs of the times, the movements of the Spirit in our lives and families, and to respond with diligence and joy. This is also the role of The Church. By presenting the Scriptures to us incrementally all the way up to Christmas, God uses the liturgy as a way to keep us aware of how God’s promises are being fulfilled in our midst. The Eucharist is a sure medicine for us that even allows us to rest having allowed Jesus into our very bodies — a kind of mini Christmas every day we go to Mass. For we know, on our own, we will usually fall asleep right before the exam!

As you prepare for this holy season in what has been a not-quite-normal year, may all your spiritual senses be opened and awakened in a new way for the coming of Jesus. Know of my prayers for you and your families; I beg your prayers for Fr. Amrit and myself as well, that we may keep watch as a family of parishes and announce the Good News that Christ desires to be born to us all.

Pax Christi

*Fr. Decker*



**Your Stewardship for November 22, 2020  
will be posted next week.**

### TRI PARISH CATECHISM

Please note that we have finally started our Catechism Program. You should have received an email from [mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://mycatholicfaithdelivered.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

### TriParish Catechism December Schedule

#### 2nd Grade Catechism

St. Frances: (in Livonia)  
December 1st & 8th at 5:00pm in SF Parish Hall

Immaculate Heart/St. Joseph (in Maringouin)  
December 3rd & 10th at 5:00pm in the Parish Office

**TriParish 1st Reconciliation at Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Practice December 14 starting at 6:00pm  
Reconciliation December 16th starting at 6:00pm

**TriParish Confirmation**  
December 6th & 20th starting with 11:am Mass at St. Frances

### 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

**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.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal

Continue the Mission Through Your Support of the Baa

In this sacred Season of Advent, we celebrate the humility and clarity of vision we see in the blessed Holy Family. We find ourselves trusting even more deeply in Christ, and once again we refresh our Catholic devotion. When the path forward appears uncertain—as has been true for many in recent months—we find comfort in the Son and in His faithfulness. From birth, Christ's purpose was sure, and we follow His example. Bishop Michael G. Duca invites us to model the Lord's focused picture of grace as we *Continue the Mission*, offering our support for essential diocesan ministries through the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Every family and every individual parishioner has a part to play, and your gifts bear fruit in our own neighborhoods. Please accept our thanks if you have already mailed your contribution this year. At a time of significant challenge and change, your participation is a noteworthy picture of your compassionate care for others. In-Pew Offertory envelopes will be available for your convenience. Please join with fellow parishioners and make your gift this Advent season. As we *Continue the Mission*, we rejoice in the knowledge that God is active in our midst. "The One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil 1:6).

If you've yet to receive your packet, call the Office of Stewardship, (225)336-8790, or send the officed an email message, [stewardship@diobr.org](mailto:stewardship@diobr.org). 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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November 29, 2020



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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.