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



Third Sunday of Easter , April 18, 2021

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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8:30am—3:30pm

The Mass Readings for The Week of April 18, 2021

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| Monday: | Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40 |
| Thursday: | Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51 |
| Friday: | Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 |
| Saturday: | Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69 |
| Sunday: | Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18 |

Devotional Life in The TriParishes

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| MON | Post-Mass | Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit |
| TUE | Post-Mass | Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help |
| TUE | 9:00am | The Holy Rosary—Home of Ruby Hafford |
| TUE | 4:00pm | Charismatic Prayer Group—at St. Joseph Parish Hall |
| WED | Post-Mass | Devotion to St. Joseph |
| WED | 5:00pm | The Holy Rosary at St. Catherine |
| THU | Post-Mass | Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations |
| FRI | Post-Mass | Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus |



There will be daily Mass every Monday through Friday at 8:30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary. On **First Friday** there will be Holy Hour after Mass.

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for these Intentions the Week of April 18, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Amos Greivous by Albert Greivous
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Lorraine Crotwell
St. Frances: in loving memory of Arline Theriot
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Leila Villere



In Memoriam

Ellen Arline Theriot died April 3, 2021 and was interred at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Lee Myrtle "Leila" Villere died April 6, 2021 and was interred at St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery.

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

Thoughts along the way

Fr. Christopher Decker

Greetings all,

As we make our way through the Easter Season, it's important to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as he invites the Apostles to do. They were in a difficult "in-between" place in their lives. Some of their fellow Jews were looking to kill them because they were disciples of Jesus. The Roman government may have been looking for them because they were considered accomplices to the so-called revolutionary they just crucified. The tomb that once held Jesus' body was now empty and they have just witnessed Jesus alive in their very midst. So many things had to have been blitzing around like a blender in their minds and hearts. One can only wonder if they could process it all!

Life can be like that for each of us, too. We're beset on all sides by difficulties and uncertainties. There are things that frighten us about the cost of being a disciple of Jesus mixed with the exhilarating reality that God really does care about us and the resurrection of His Son to forgive our sins is real. Rather than huddle in a spiritual "lockdown", Jesus still has the key to our upper room.

In the Apostles' upper room, Jesus speaks tenderly to them. He bids them peace and reaffirms the exhortation he made to them before his crucifixion: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God, have faith also in me..." (Cf. John 14:1) And it is there that Jesus shows the source of our calming; he reveals his hands and side to them. They are overcome with joy because they recognize in The Savior that this fulfillment of God's promise comes about precisely because Jesus Christ strikes fear into fear itself by dying on the cross. His wounds are no longer signs of death but of eternal life. They are a mockery of destruction and a deep sign for rebirth – which is why we glory in his wounds. And it is no different for us. The past year has revealed many wounds – in ourselves, in our society, and in our culture. And it is the world that attempts to show that these wounds can only mean destruction and abandonment by God. But, the resurrection of Jesus tells us the truth about wounds revealed: that offered to The Lord and his Cross, our wounds can become sources of new life and a liberation from fear.

As we look into the future, we have, like the Apostles, been given a new birth through water and the Holy Spirit. Our minds are also opened to understand the Scriptures that foretell Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. And so our hearts are likewise ready to go out into the world, look at the wounds present around us and join them to the wood of The Cross. For in Christ and his Cross do we find meaning in our suffering and promises of resurrection all around us. And this is a source of our Easter joy!

Pax Christi,

Fr. Chris



Third Sunday in
Easter

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1st Eucharist

St. Frances Cabrini

1st Eucharist on Tuesday, April 20th, starting at 6:00pm at St. Frances Church

St. Joseph/Immaculate Heart of Mary

1st Eucharist on Wednesday, April 21st, starting at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church.

Due to COVID this is not open to the public.



St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy Fill a Prescription

We encourage all parishioners to make a difference in someone's life by filling a prescription for the needy. Place your donation in one of the prescription bottles and place the bottle in the canisters at the entrance of one of our TriParish Churches.



Needed - Church Cleaners for St. Frances

Looking for anyone who would like to help keep our church clean for the months of April and October. If you can help please call Peggy at the Parish Office 625-2438.

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Your Stewardship for April 11, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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| Offertory Collection | \$1498.00 |
| Online Giving | \$50.00 |
| Maintenance | \$871.00 |

St. Joseph

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| Offertory Collection | \$3354.00 |
| Online Giving | \$310.00 |
| Maintenance | \$2006.00 |

St. Frances

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| Offertory Collection | \$2380.00 |
| Online Giving | \$625.00 |
| Maintenance | \$748.00 |
| Holy Thursday | \$214.00 |
| Good Friday | \$190.00 |

Vocation

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human. The story that Jesus cured the sick. The story that Jesus forgave sin. The story that Jesus rose from the dead. Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be His priest or religious, call contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations



We are planning some service projects. Some will be to help our church, our parishioners and even some of our larger family needs as we reach out to surrounding areas. We will post opportunities in our bulletins once we have organized the projects. Please reflect on how you can help us to help others.

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.