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



Fourth Sunday of Easter , April 25, 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
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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 25, 2021

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
 Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
 Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
 Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14,
 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;
 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Devotional Life in The TriParishes

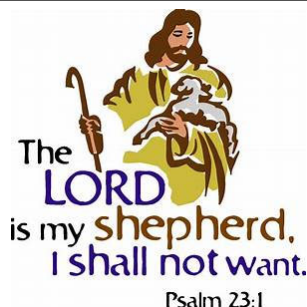
MON	Post-Mass	Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit
TUE	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
TUE	9:00am	The Holy Rosary—Home of Ruby Hafford
TUE	4:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group—at St. Joseph Parish Hall
WED	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph
WED	5:00pm	The Holy Rosary at St. Catherine
THU	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 25, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Mary Roppolo
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Juanita George
St. Frances: in loving memory of Henry & Marie Gueho
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Willie, Sr. & Maggie



Thoughts along the way

Fr. Christopher Decker

Greetings All,

During the Easter Season we get a chance not only to spend time with the Apostles in the upper room as Jesus visits them, but also hear from some of those same Apostles after they begin to witness to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. For example, we hear from one of St. John's letters extensively as the epistle or second reading at Mass. In these letters by one of The Lord's own Apostles, we begin to see how they have been transformed by Christ. As they were witnesses with their own eyes, ears, and feet in the presence of The Lord, their teaching begins to reflect His way of looking at the world: as reconciled to The Father through The Son's saving actions. Listen to St. John's words from the epistle:

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

St. John writes to the disciples of the early Church that though Christ we are now able to be called God's children. No mere metaphor, we actually become part of The Father's family because The Son brought about our adoption through His death on the cross. He readily admits that this isn't apparent to those who do not acknowledge Jesus' role as the Only Son of God. But, just because the world refuses to believe it, it doesn't make it untrue. For, if Jesus is the truth, then whatever he reveals about Himself and the Father is true. St. John then teaches from Jesus the source of Truth what is to become of us who have been brought into that family:

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

In short, the same St. John who was able to look into the eyes of the risen Jesus and examine the wounds in his hands and side. The beloved disciple who was able to see Jesus eat fish with them on the day of The Resurrection states one of the core truths of our Confession of Faith: that if we become God's children, then the same resurrected state awaits us: we shall see him as he is, and we shall be like him. This is not only a reason for rejoicing, but it's also a reason to tell others the reason for that joy!

Happy Easter,

Pax Christi,

Fr. Chris





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.



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.



The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

Your Stewardship for April 18, 2021	
Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$1027.00
Online Giving	\$25.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1973.00
Online Giving	\$145.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$2005.00
Online Giving	\$603.00

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 25, 2021

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



LISTEN

FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

April 29th, 2020



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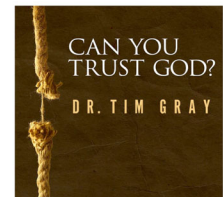
WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

LEARN

CAN YOU TRUST GOD? BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



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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.