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



This is
 My Commandment,
 that you
Love
 ONE ANOTHER
 even as I have
Loved You.

JOHN 15:12

Sixth Sunday of Easter , May 9, 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
 4324 Railroad Avenue
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The Mass Readings for The Week of May 9, 2021

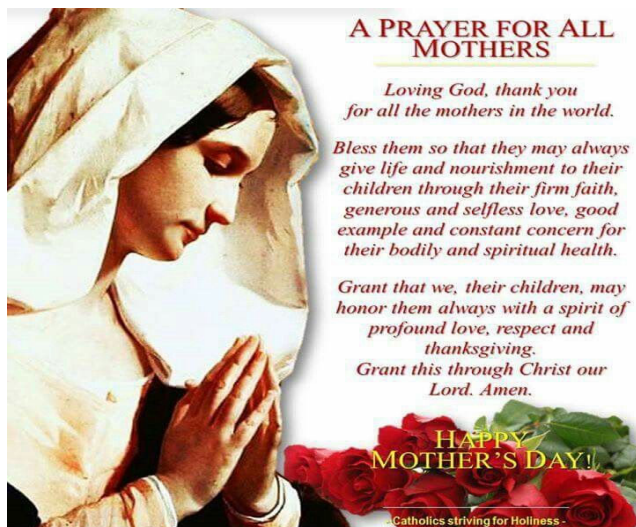
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
 Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
 Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
 Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for
 Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8;
 Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2,
 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or,
 for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13];
 Mk 16:15-20

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

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for these Intentions the Week of May 9, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Eric Matherne
St. Joseph: in loving memory of JoAnn Sarullo
St. Frances: in loving memory of Forrest Armond
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Victor Zito



A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

Loving God, thank you for all the mothers in the world.

Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern for their bodily and spiritual health.

Grant that we, their children, may honor them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Catholics striving for Holiness

The Vicar's View

Fr. Amrit Raj

Dear friends in Christ,

The Scripture passages of today declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – *“Love one another as I have loved you.”* When we celebrate today as Mother's Day, let us remember with gratitude that it is generally our mothers who practice the *agápe* love of Jesus.

In the first reading, St. Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard St. Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that St. Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost.

In the second reading, St. John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans *“as expiation for our sins.”* This Divine love gives us the command as well as duty to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another.

After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. Where love, the queen of virtues, is practiced, there will be all other virtues too, the fruits the Lord asks us to produce. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who do not deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us “friends.” He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them, and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day, offering our mothers on the altar of God. Let us admit gratefully the fact that none of us can return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: “An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy.”

On Mother's Day, let us Christians acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. May our Heavenly mother pray for all “Mothers”.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Amrit.





Interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation? We will have an informational meeting and registration for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Thursday, May 13th, at 6:00pm at St. Frances Parish Hall. If you are interested or have any questions but cannot make this meeting please call Peggy at the Parish Office, 625-2438.

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel Opening

The Adoration Chapel will reopen on Monday May 3rd. Hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00am till 3:00pm and on Fridays from 8:00am till noon. Only four people at a time will be allowed in the Chapel to comply with COVID guidelines. The access code has changed. To register and/or get the access code please call St. Mary's Parish Office at 225-638-9665.

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 and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Looking for anyone who would like to help keep God's House clean. Please pray on this and see if you are being called to this Ministry. If interested please call Peggy at the Parish Office

Vocation

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If you feel God is calling you to the greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you." The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests and religious can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations

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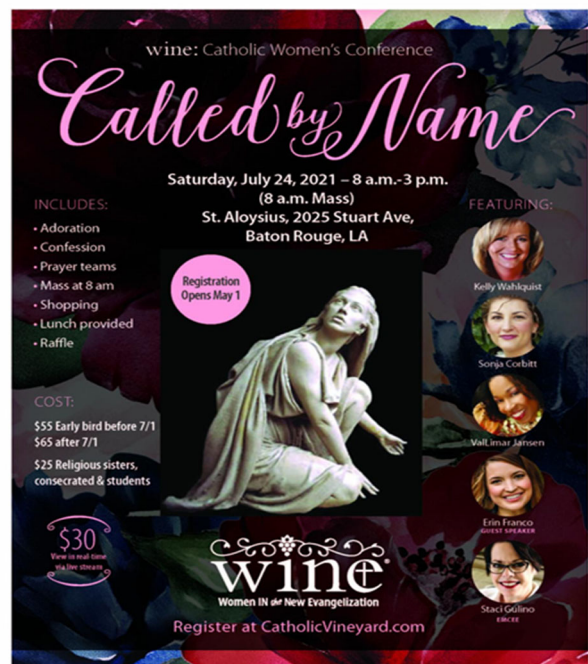
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Your Stewardship for May 2, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$1,794.00
Maintenance Fund 4/11-5/4, 2021	\$694.00
Online Giving	\$25.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1,730.00
Maintenance Fund 4/11-5/4, 2021	\$2,103.00
Online Giving	\$195.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$2,057.00
Maintenance Fund 4/11-5/4, 2021	\$1,613.00
Online Giving	\$1,463.00

Catholic Women's Conference



Invite a friend or three and register today! Conference cost is \$55 if you register by July 1! \$25 for religious sisters, consecrated, and students.

Need more information?

Contact Dina Dow, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis
(225)387-0561 or ddow@diobr.org
diobr.org

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.