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



Ascension of the Lord , May 16, 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
 Fordoche, LA 70732

**The TriParish Pastoral Center
 Located at Immaculate Heart of Mary**

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 225.308.9726 : emergency
 pastoralcenter@triparishes.org : email
 www.triparishes.org : web
**Office Hours are Monday—Thursday
 8:30am—3:30pm**

The Mass Readings for The Week of May 16, 2021

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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 16, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Lionel Thymes
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Gun & Edna Mae Perrault
St. Frances: in loving memory of Charles Ransome by the St. Frances Ladies Altar Society
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Mary Jane Smith by the St. Frances Ladies Altar Society.



In Memoriam

Charles Ransome died May 6, 2021 and was interred at St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery.

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



Thoughts along the way

Fr. Christopher Decker

Greetings All,

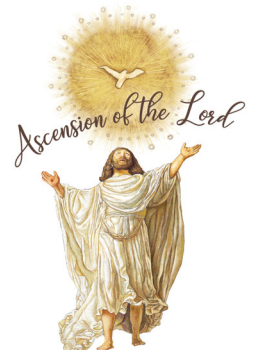
You may remember that in 2019 I was invested as an Assistant Chaplain in the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. The Order was originally founded in AD 1098 to care for the needs of lepers making their way to Jerusalem. Over the centuries, hospitaller knights protected pilgrims and cared for the sick throughout Christendom and continue to do that work today in the fight against Hansen's disease (leprosy), providing relief from natural disasters and advocating organ and tissue donation. It's truly a unique international organization that I'm honored to be a part of. (For more information, you can visit www.st-lazarus.us). As it happens, I made a few friends from around the United States during that investiture. Recently, I was invited to a birthday party in New York (just outside the big city, thankfully! Who wants to go to Manhattan these days?!) which will include a nice dinner and a weekend of camping. I haven't been camping in ages, so I'm looking forward to catching up around a bonfire.

This is a quick trip of just a few days, but I will be out this weekend. Fr. Brad Doyle has graciously agreed to offer Mass this weekend in Grosse Tete, while Fr. Amrit offers the Mass in Maringouin and Livonia while I am away. I know that you'll welcome him and congratulate him on his new assignment as pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in St. Francisville. This will be his first pastorate!

Speaking of pastoral assignments, I must admit that I am beginning the mourning process as I pack boxes and begin to transition to New Roads. While I'm excited to see what God has in store, I'm sad to leave what has only just begun to feel like home. Alas, this is the way of things for we in the ordained ministry. I'm often reminded of the title of that great book by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, "The Priest is Not His Own". It's very true; but this is what allows us to be completely at the service of those The Lord brings our way. I'm grateful we have a few more weeks together, to give thanks for what Our Savior has brought about during my time with you. Please pray for my safe travel to New York and back. As always, I carry you all as an icon in my heart. See you soon!

Pax,

Fr. Chris



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 625-2438 or Theresa Hollins at 625-2601.

Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, July 24, 2021

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

Vocation

After the Risen Lord ascended into heaven, his disciples continued his work on earth. Blest are the ones found working when he returns. If you feel a call to a Church vocation, contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Your Stewardship for May 2, 2021	
Immaculate Heart of Mary	
Offertory Collection	\$1,474.00
Online Giving	\$50.00
St. Joseph	
Offertory Collection	\$1,320.00
Online Giving	\$695.00
St. Frances	
Offertory Collection	\$2,940.00
Online Giving	\$300.00

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.

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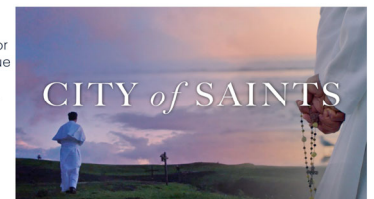
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 16, 2021

WATCH

CITY OF SAINTS

In this series, award-winning director Charles Francis Kinnane tells the true stories of God's grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey. This influential Catholic film series has inspired over 12 million people worldwide.



LECTIO: EUCHARIST WITH DR. BRANT PITRE

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"—these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater context of Church teaching? In this program, discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral part of God's plan for our salvation.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE FOUR LAST THINGS: DEATH, JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, HELL BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this exceptional presentation, Fr. Mike tackles four topics that many of us understandably struggle with: death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell. As you listen to this talk, you'll be reminded that God wants to welcome you into Heaven, your true home!



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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.