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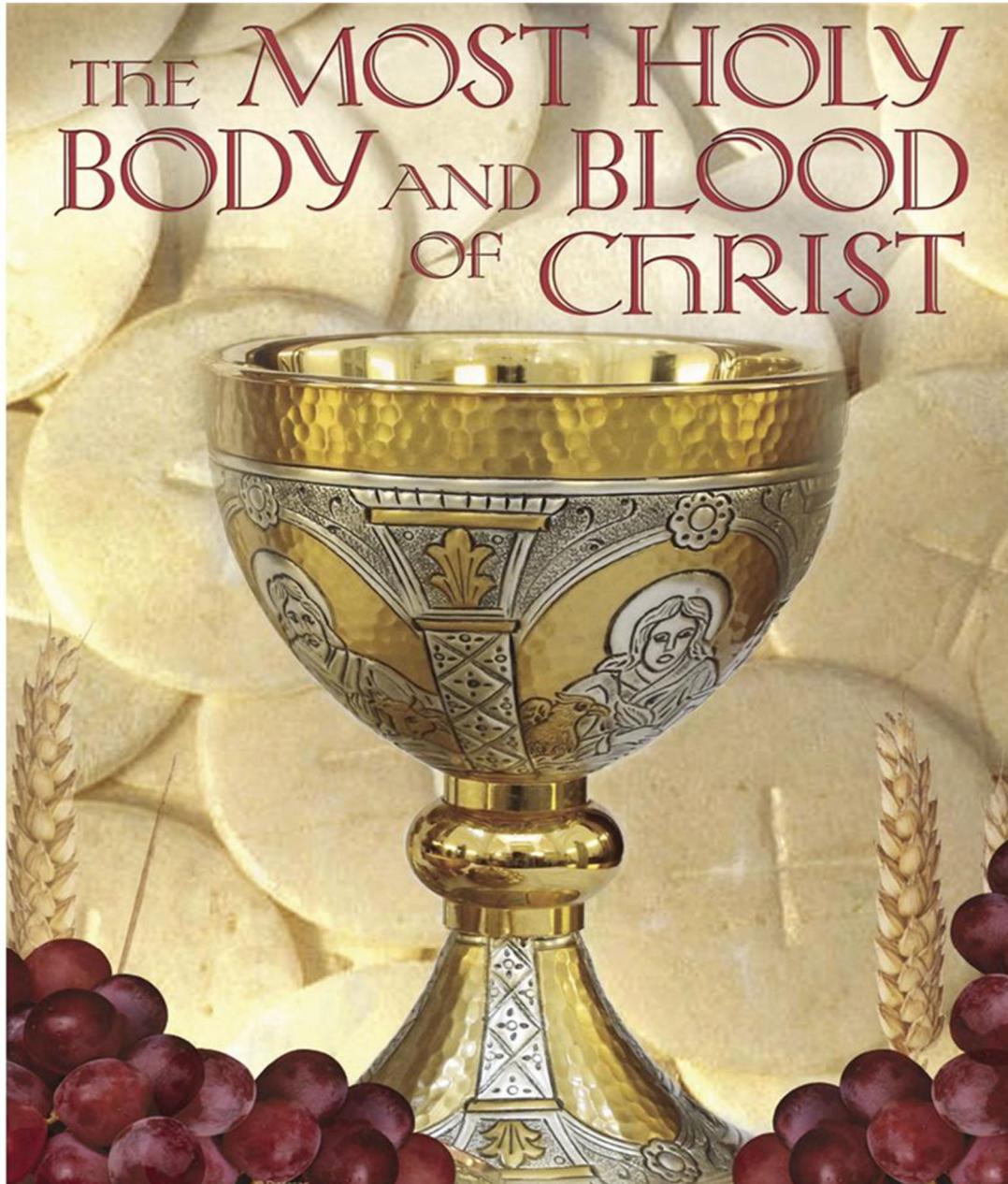
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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday June 6, 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

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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 June 6, 2021

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51
 Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Devotional Life in The TriParishes

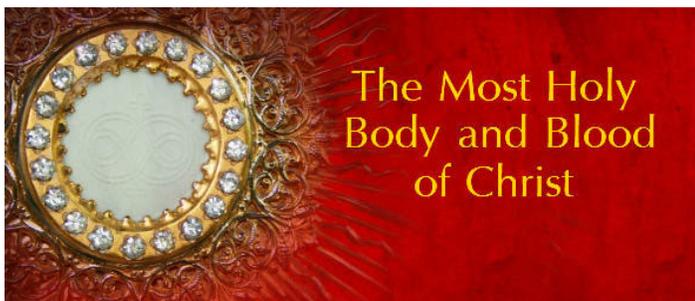
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| MON | Post-Mass | Prayer for the Gifts of The Holy Spirit |
| TUE | Post-Mass | Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help |
| TUE | 9:00am | The Holy Rosary—Home of Ruby Hafford |
| TUE | 4:00pm | Charismatic Prayer Group—at St. Joseph Parish Hall |
| WED | Post-Mass | Devotion to St. Joseph |
| WED | 5:00pm | The Holy Rosary at St. Catherine |
| WED | 6:00pm | The Holy Rosary at St. Joseph Church |
| 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 June 6, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Nola Webre
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Arthur & Catherine Bourque
St. Frances: in loving memory of Roslind Otremba
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Mary Lee Miletello

Vocation

By sharing the body and blood of Christ we are sealing our covenant with God. We are given the gift of life and asked to share it with others. If you feel God calling **you contact** Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations



Thoughts along the way

Fr. Christopher Decker

June is a very special month on the Catholic Calendar. As you remember, each month is dedicated to a particular aspect of Our Lord or The Blessed Virgin Mary. For example, May is devoted entirely to Our Lady, while October is devoted to The Holy Rosary. June is devoted to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every year, 19 days after Pentecost, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated at Mass. It's a devotion that sprang up around the worship of the wounded heart of Our Lord, part of a meditation on the five wounds of Christ popular in the 11th century. In 1673, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque began to receive visions of Our Lord and allowed Sr. Margaret Mary to rest her head upon his heart. During the Octave of Corpus Christi in 1675, Jesus asked that a Feast of the Sacred Heart be celebrated each year on the Friday following Corpus Christi, as an act of reparation for the ingratitude of men for the sacrifice which Christ had made for them. This devotion continues today and seems all the more important for us to celebrate as blasphemies against the heart of Jesus seem to be on the increase.

One of the requests that Jesus made in asking that we honor his heart is to receive The Holy Eucharist frequently. It wasn't common to receive Holy Communion regularly, but many received only once a year, as the precept of the Church requires. Today, we are permitted and encouraged to receive the Eucharist every day providing we are in the state of grace (have confessed any mortal sins and received absolution in the Sacrament of Confession). What a privilege it is to be able to attend Mass and receive not only the heart of Jesus, but his very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist!

As you may remember, Bishop Duca is encouraging us all to return to Mass and has lifted the dispensation from the Sunday obligation that was precipitated by the coronavirus emergency. This means that starting this weekend, anyone who misses Mass without good reason (illness, caring for one who is sick, the aged and those physically unable to go to Mass) commits a mortal sin and needs to go to confession. This is an obligation that is indeed binding on all Catholics precisely because of the importance of honoring the heart of Jesus by worshipping him at Mass – the primary way that God tells us to come to him. It's only in the 20th century that the notion of burying our Mass obligation beneath the list of other things we want to do has really taken hold on our culture and truly wounds the heart of Our Lord. Let us go rejoicing to the altar of the Lord, not because we are obliged to do so but because we actually have the freedom to do so!

As this is my last month with you as your pastor, I would like to announce the following change to the Sunday Mass schedule. When the coronavirus response mandated a return to Mass albeit physically distanced, Fr. Amrit and I offered extra Mass times in Grosse Tete and Livonia. The only Mass time that remains in that "emergency" category is the 9am Mass in Livonia. It is highly likely that Fr. Amrit will have to assume the entire cluster-wide Mass Schedule briefly and so **we will return to the pre-COVID Mass schedule effective July 3**. This means that the final 9am Mass in Livonia will be June 27. This will also allow Fr. Arun John, the incoming administrator, the opportunity to begin his ministry with the schedule envisioned by the diocesan pastoral plan.

I know that this shifting back and forth can make one a little seasick. (Believe me, I'm queasy these days!) But, I take comfort in the heart of Jesus, who invites us all to rest our heads upon his chest and synchronize our heartbeat to his in the Most Holy Eucharist. Let's keep each other in prayer this month!

Pax Christi,

Fr. Amrit

EMERGENCY INDIA MISSION APPEAL:

A second surge of COVID-19 in India has the nation's massive health system on the brink of collapse, with medical professionals struggling as they watch patients die daily. Daily cases were averaging 378,000 as of early May and more than 20.2 million total cases had been reported. Death totals have topped 220,000 but most experts believe the country's tallies are woefully underestimated. The virus has also taken a toll on the nation's men and women religious. From April through mid-May 168 priests and 148 women religious have succumbed to the disease, four of our Priests belong to the Indian Missionary Society passed away due to Covid-19, and some are in critical condition.

Our Indian Missionary Society priests and their communities need your help. Many of those who have previously served in our diocese have been impacted by COVID-19. In this hour they and their communities need your prayers and financial support because some of our Fathers are directly involved in reaching out to the people who are badly affected by the Pandemic of Covid-19. Please answer the call to serve these men of God and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ during this time of need. \$45 Covers the cost of an Emergency Medical Supply Kit & Food for a week for a family of 5. If you feel led to support this cause, please visit: <https://diobr.org/india-appeal>. Thank you & God bless!

FREE STUDENT MEALS
FREE TO ANY CHILD 18 YEARS OR YOUNGER
7 BREAKFASTS + 7 LUNCHES
+ 1 GALLON OF MILK

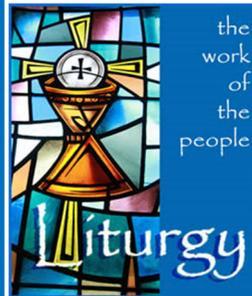
EVERY THURSDAY IN JUNE & JULY



9AM-12PM

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
11140 LA 77, MARINGOUIN, LA

| Your Stewardship for May 30, 2021 | |
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| Immaculate Heart of Mary | |
| Offertory Collection | \$686.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$25.00 |
| St. Joseph | |
| Offertory Collection | \$1,473.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$175.00 |
| St. Frances | |
| Offertory Collection | \$2,184.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$548.00 |



St. Joseph is in need of Altar servers and lectors. If interested please contact Faye Gilliam at 225-776-6101.

The TriParish is hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign

The weekend of June 12 & 13, 2021
 To benefit Woman's New Life Clinic!



— Serving Women Since 2001 —

Please take a baby bottle after Mass and return it the following weekend with a donation to support this life-affirming ministry, or you can give online at: womansnewlife.com/babybottle

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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.