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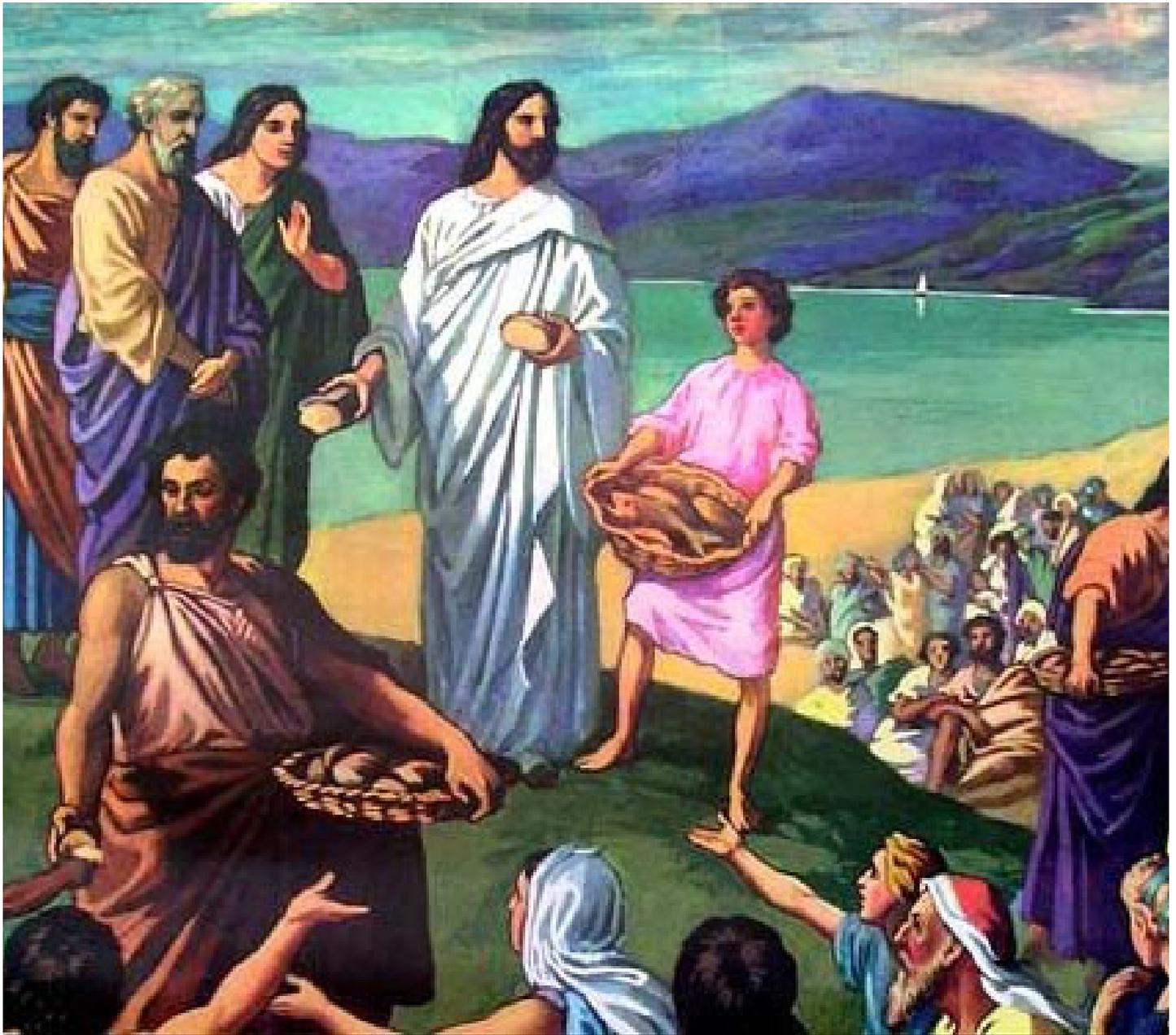
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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, July 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
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Holy Mass:
 Sunday: 11:00am

St. Catherine of Siena Mission
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The Mass Readings for The Week of July 25, 2021

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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
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

and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. (John 6:55-56).

What are the benefits of Holy Communion? It strengthens our union with Jesus; He lives within us in a special way. It cleanses us from venial sins. (Mortal sins require forgiveness in Confession.) It gives us grace to avoid sin in the future. It increases our love of God and neighbor.

6. Why do we have to worship with other people?

God made us social beings. He wants us to come together in community to worship Him. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I" (Matthew 18:20).

. What are the consequences for others if we stop going to Mass?

James Stenson points out:

"Our ancestors risked persecution, even death, to be able to take part in Mass. When you have children someday, they will need the graces and strength that come from the Mass. If you fail to pass it on because of your own indifference, you will do the gravest injustice to them and to God. You have the power to snuff out, in one generation, the faith that has sustained your family for generations. This is an enormous responsibility. You will have to answer to God for it."

8. The benefits of Mass.

If we give God a chance, He will help us experience the tremendous benefits of the Mass and the Eucharist. James Stenson writes: "Be patient. Bring an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving to Mass, and you will reap great spiritual riches: consolation, confidence, peace, deep happiness, and spiritual strength for the challenges of life."

Mother Teresa once wrote: "Jesus is my God/ Jesus is my Spouse/ Jesus is my Life/ Jesus is my Everything. Because of this, I am never afraid." Mother Teresa went to Mass every day. If we love the Mass as she did, we, too, will live in Jesus and he in us, and will we never be afraid.

"Mass is boring." "I don't get anything out of Mass — why should I go?" "Why can't I just pray alone?" These are common feelings, especially among young people but among many adults as well. How should we respond.

These are common feelings, especially among young people but among many adults as well. The great Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, when conducting a retreat for teenagers, once gave a talk on the meaning of the Mass. He said, "If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it." The Mass is not entertainment, he said. It is worship of the God who made us and saves us. It is an opportunity to praise God and thank Him for all that He has done for us.

If we have a correct understanding of Mass, Bishop Sheen said, it will become more meaningful for us. We will *want* to go to Mass. We will understand why the Mass is God's precious gift to us, and we wouldn't think of refusing that gift. Here are eight reasons to go to Mass:

1. The Command of God.

The Third of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God is, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8).

2. The Command of Christ.

Why should we keep the Sabbath holy by going to Mass? The Mass was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus before his Crucifixion. The Last Supper was the first Mass.

When the hour came, he [Jesus] took his place at the table with the apostles . . . Then he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you. Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:14,19).

When we celebrate the Mass, we repeat the Last Supper, as Jesus commanded us to do. In doing this, we remember and re-present his great act of love for us on the Cross — taking our sins upon himself so that we, if we follow his commandments, can live with him forever in heaven.

3. The Command of the Church.

The Church teaches that we must fulfill the command of Jesus ("Do this in memory of me") by attending Sunday Mass (or the Vigil Mass the night before). *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1994, pp. 493-94) explains that Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is the first of the six Commandments of the Church. These Commandments of the Church also require receiving Communion at least once a year during the Easter season, confessing any mortal sin as a preparation for Communion, and observing the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence. These Commandments spell out the **minimal** responsibilities of a Catholic. To fail to fulfill them through our own fault, the Church teaches, is a serious sin.

4. The Church speaks with the authority of Jesus.

Why should we obey these teachings of the Church? Where does the Church get its authority? From Jesus. In Matthew 16:18-19, Jesus made Peter the head of his Church — the first Pope. He gave Peter and the Church "the keys to the kingdom of heaven": *I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

The Church's authority in faith and morals is absolute because Christ's authority is absolute.

5. What we do at Mass.

The Mass is first of all a **sacrifice** — the perfect sacrifice, created by Jesus. Through the priest we offer Jesus, Body and Blood, to the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the Cross. In an unbloody way, we repeat — make present — Christ's death and Resurrection. Through this memorial of Jesus, we offer God our praise, sorrow for our sins, and deepest thanks.

The Mass is also a **meal**. At the Consecration, the bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Spirit, become the Body and Blood of Christ. Not a mere symbol, but Jesus's real flesh and real blood, under the appearance of bread and wine. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Jesus Himself. He is real food for our soul. He said this very plainly: *I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man*

Mission Appeal

The Diocese of Sivagangai, India

On August 7th & 8th Fr. Oli Arulsamy SVD, the Pastor of St. Pius X Catholic church in Beaumont, TX, will do the Mission Appeal at all Masses here at our TriParishes. The money that is raised from this appeal will be sent to help with the poor student's education, Catechist's' formation, seminarians formation and socio developmental works in the diocese of Sivagangai, in the state of Tamilnadu. Thank you for your generous support. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in India who are being persecuted on account of their faith in Christ.

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for these Intentions the Week of July 25, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Billie Denova
St. Joseph: in loving memory of Agnes Honore
St. Frances: in loving memory of Ruby Montelaro
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Bennie Lou Aucoin

St. Joseph Family Festival

Our Family Festival is quickly approaching. Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, September 19, 2021. All are welcome to come out and enjoy a fun filled day of food and games. Be sure to invite your family and friends. Lets come together as a church family and support our church and each other.

Jeanie David is chairperson for the family festival. If you would like to help please call her at 225-241-8319. This is a good time for students to earn service hours.

St. Frances Work Dates



We will start doing some work around St. Frances. Come out and support your church. It will be from 8:00am till 1:00pm.

August 28th	Rectory
September 25th	Prayer Garden
October 23rd	Cemetery
November 13th	St. Catherine

Your Stewardship for July 18, 2021

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection	\$1,022.00
On-Line Giving	\$25.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection	\$1,462.00
On-Line Giving	\$125.00

St. Frances

Offertory Collection	\$1,922.00
On-Line Giving	\$531.00

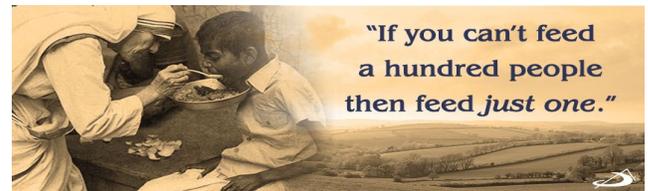
TriParish PSR Schedules/Registration Forms

All Registration forms and schedules will be sent out by Tuesday, July 27th. If someone you know someone who did not receive one please call Peggy at the Parish Office. Classes will begin the end of August.

TriParish Altar Servers



If any youth in the TriParish is interested in becoming an Altar Server please call the Parish Office.



Anyone interested in helping at the Soup Kitchen with the Missionaries of Charity there are 3 dates set up. But only 5 people can go each time. If you are interested please call Peggy at the Parish Office. The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday, **August 25th**, from 8:30am till Noon
 Wednesday, **September 22nd**, from 8:30am—Noon

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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.