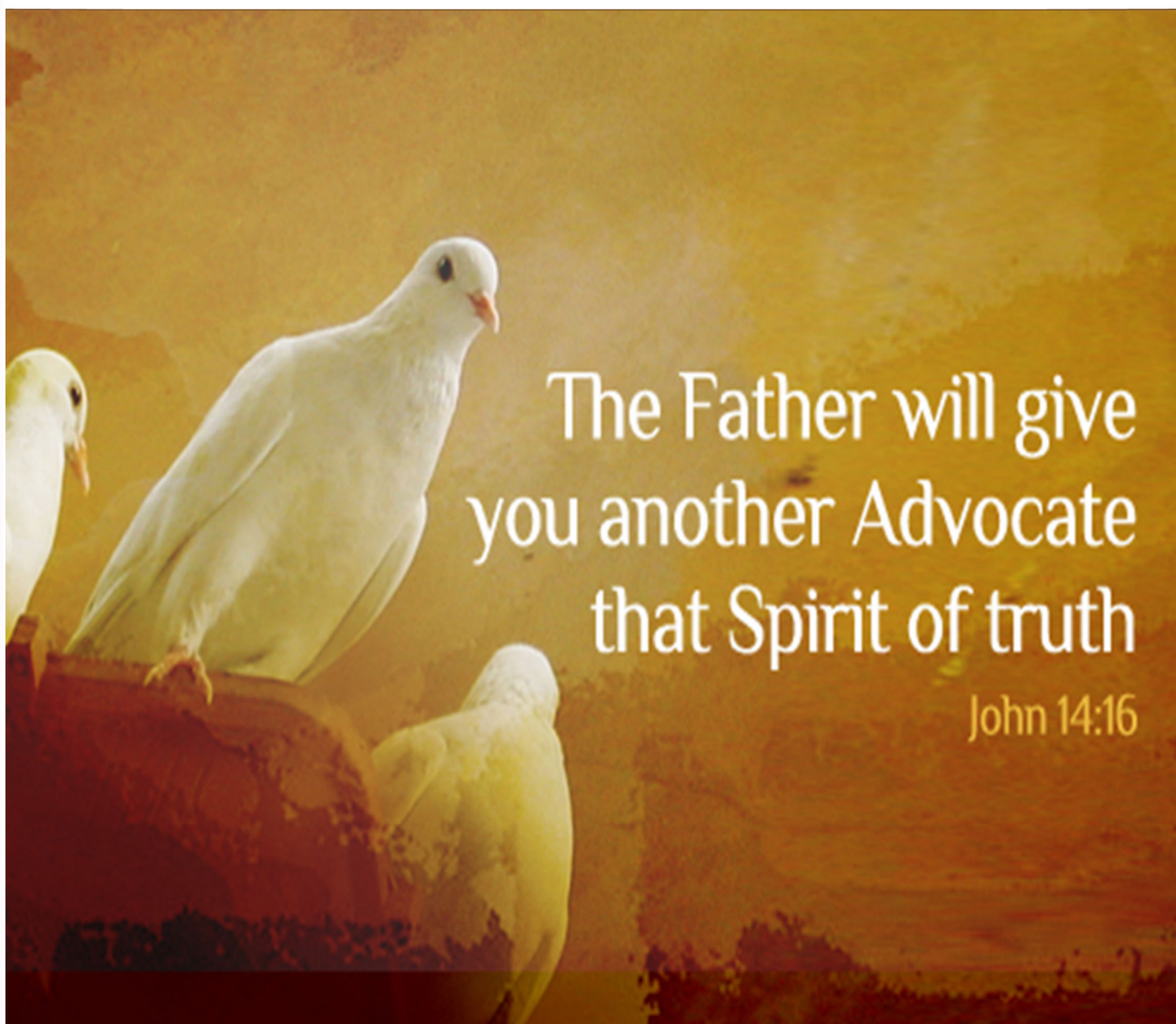




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THE NEWS-BULLETIN FOR THE TRIPARISHES OF ST. JOSEPH, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI



Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

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

225.625.2438 : phone

225.625.3513 : fax

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 17, 2020

Monday:	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; Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

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	
	9:00am	The Holy Rosary	Home of Ruby Hafford
	4:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	St. Joseph Parish Hall
WED	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph	
	6:00pm	The Holy Rosary	St. Catherine of Siena Mission
THU	Post-Mass	Litany of Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim / Vocations	
FRI	Post-Mass	Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	

VOCATIONS

How firm is your foundation of faith? Listen to Jesus' words and use them as the solid rock on which to build your life. Consider ministry in the Church, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Your Stewardship for May 3 & 10, 2020 On-Line Giving is not included

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection	3rd	\$1,700.00
	10th	\$990.00

On-Line Giving

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection	3rd	\$920.00
	10th	\$1,882.00

On-Line Giving

St. Frances

Offertory Collection	3rd	\$1,981.00
	10th	\$1,705.00

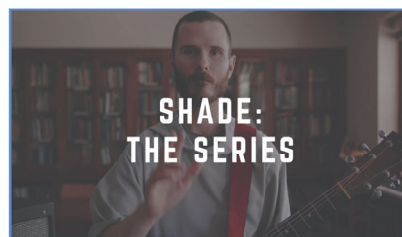
On-Line Giving

Weekend contributions can be mailed to the Tri-Parish Office 11140 Hwy 77, Maringouin 70757 or put in the drop box at St. Frances located on the front of the rectory or at Immaculate Heart of Mary located at the front of the office. You also have the options to do on-line giving. Go to our webpage at triparishes.org for instructions.

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for These Intentions the Week of May 17, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary: in loving memory of Rita Chauvin.
St. Joseph: in loving memory of deceased members of the Ladies Altar Society.
St. Frances: in memory of Ruby Montelaro.
St. Catherine: in loving memory of Mary Benedict.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SHADE: THE SERIES Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

This new acoustic series offers simple and uncut prayers from the heart to experience the Lord's accompanying presence and refreshment in the midst of your day-to-day journey.

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A pilgrimage led by Fr. Amrit Raj from September 21—October 3, 2020, walk in the footsteps of Our Lord and the Early Church! There will also be a public audience with Pope Francis. The cost of the trip is \$3,500.00 per person. This does not include insurance. If you are interested in an unforgettable experience, contact Cindy Babin at 225-625-4529 or Faye Gilliam at 225-648-2787.

Easter Greetings!

With the lifting of the “shelter-in-place” order, Fr. Amrit and I are pleased to announce that we may begin the phased return to worship in the churches of our TriParish family. Though Lent seemed to last longer than 40 days, we are able to proceed with Easter joy slowly back to what I pray is an eager and renewed parish life. To that end, we will be observing the guidelines put in place by Bishop Duca and our civic officials, realizing that prudence and right-judgement are essential components of a virtuous and integrated Christian life:

1. St. Frances Cabrini and St. Joseph parish will be limited to 50 people allowed in the church at a single time. Immaculate Heart of Mary will be limited to 75 people allowed in the church at a single time. This is to comply with the required 25% capacity limit.

2. The weekend Mass schedule will remain the same with two notable additions (evaluated week-to-week):

· Saturday:

- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maringouin
 - o 2:00 – 3:45pm Confessions
 - o 4:00pm Holy Mass

· Sunday:

- St. Joseph, Grosse Tête
 - o 8:00 – 8:45am Confessions
 - o 9:00am Holy Mass
 - o 11:00am Holy Mass

- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Livonia
 - o 8:00 – 8:45am Confessions
 - o 9:00am Holy Mass
 - o 11:00am Holy Mass

3. Only the main doors of the church will be open so that an appointed usher can keep a count of parishioners who have entered. Parishioners are urged to reserve a seat in church by visiting <http://triparishes.org/reserve>. This will allow us to get an accurate count.

4. At St. Joseph and St. Frances Cabrini, if online spaces are filled and/or you do not wish to come inside the church for your own health, you can listen to the Mass in your car on the radio at 91.5fm in the church parking lot. Following distribution of Holy Communion inside, the priest will come outside onto the front portico. A line will form keeping social distancing in mind and Holy Communion will be distributed.

· Keep in mind that the obligation to attend Holy Mass continues to be dispensed until further notice. Please do not come to the Mass if you are at risk or feel sick. If you are vulnerable, please discern what is best for you.

5. Inside the churches social distancing will be maintained. Pews will be marked off so that a distance of 6 feet can be maintained. Those who live in the same household are free to remain seated together.

6. All persons coming into the church will be required to sanitize their hands before coming in.

7. Everyone must wear a mask while in church, except when invited to remove them by the priest for Holy Communion.

8. Volunteers will disinfect the pews after each Mass.

9. Parishioners will neither hold hands nor receive from the chalice at Mass.

10. Neither Missals nor hymnals will be used. Disposable worship aids will be provided online and in church. As mentioned, Fr. Amrit and I will need your help to make sure that our liturgies are both prayerful and healthful. If you're able, please bring the following to church with you:

- Your own mask. If you have extra masks to leave in church that haven't been used, so that those who have none can have one please contact our parish office (225.625.2438) or bring them with you to Mass.
- Your own disinfectant for the pew. If you'd be willing to wipe down your pew as you leave, that would be a big help for our volunteers, staff, and clergy.
- Hand sanitizer. At present, this is hard to come by! If you can bring your own to sanitize your hands before coming into the church, that would be very helpful. If you have any surplus to leave at church please similarly let us know!

Weekday and Sunday Mass will continue to be streamed live on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and the parish website. More information is available at <http://triparishes.org/live> for those still not comfortable coming on the weekend. Please stay close to our social media feeds for developing information. We will move forward into a “future filled with hope” (cf. Jeremiah 24:11) together!

– Fr. Chris Decker & Fr. Amrit Raj

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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.