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

**Installation of
Rev. David Dawson as
Pastor of the TriParishes
By The Most Reverend Michael G. Duca
Bishop of the Diocese of Baton Rouge**



**Saturday, August 27th
At Immaculate Heart of Mary
Maringoiun, La.
At the 4:00pm Mass
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall**



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 21, 2022

St. Joseph
76950 Gum Street
Grosse Tete, LA 70740

Immaculate Heart of Mary
11140 Highway 77
Maringouin, LA 70757

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
3523 LA. Highway 78
Livonia, LA 70755-0128

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

Holy Mass:
Sunday: 9:00am

Holy Mass:
Saturday: 4:00pm
Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am

Holy Mass:
Sunday: 11:00am

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St. Catherine of Siena Mission
4324 Railroad Avenue
Fordoche, LA 70732

www.triparishes.org : website

Adoration will be the Thursday before the
1st Friday of each month from 5:30am—7:30pm.
(Will rotate parishes)

Holy Mass
Second Wednesday of Every
Month: 5:30pm

**Office Hours are Monday—Thursday
8:30am—3:30pm**

The Mass Readings for The Week of August 21, 2022

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Devotional Life in The TriParishes

TUE	Post-Mass	Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
TUE	9:00am	The Holy Rosary—Home of Ruby Hafford
WED	Post-Mass	Devotion to St. Joseph
WED	5:00pm	The Holy Rosary at St. Catherine
WED	5:00pm	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 August 21, 2022**



Immaculate Heart of Mary in loving memory of Matherne & Guerin Family

St. Joseph in loving memory of Charles Angeloz, Sr.

St. Frances in loving memory of Betty Loe by St. Frances Ladies Altar Society.

St. Catherine in loving memory of Jake Gueho

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Start small, finish big. That seems to be God’s motto. He begins salvation history with two people from what is now Iraq. When planning to raise a really big family, why start with an elderly couple who’ve never been able to have kids? But this is precisely what God does. He turns the sterile Abram and Sarai into Abraham and Sarah, ancestors of a worldwide family which still celebrates their memory nearly 4,000 years later.

In God’s plan, this family was to turn into a mighty nation. An unlikely candidate for greatness, this “nation” was birthed out of a rag-tag band of Abraham’s descendants who’d been slaves for hundreds of years. A poet once wrote “how odd of God to choose the Jews.” But after 40 years of desert camping, they entered their promised land and eventually became a mighty kingdom.

But God had bigger plans still. This nation was not to hoard the treasure, looking down their noses at the rest of the world. That was the Pharisees’ mistake. No, they were to be a priestly people destined to bring salvation to all. This salvation was to come once again from the least likely of places. Galilee? What good could come from a land of hillbillies and fisherman? They spoke with an accent so thick that you could cut it with a knife (see Matthew 26:73).

Do you see a pattern here? The best and brightest, the biggest and the strongest— like Pharaoh, Goliath, and Caesar – these are not chosen. Rather, it’s the least likely to succeed, the little, ordinary people. That way, no one can take credit and no one can lose heart. No one is qualified and no one is disqualified. Even the all-stars can get in on it if they’ll step off the pedestal and humble themselves before God.

So all are called to be saved and find their place among God’s people, the Church. The only One who could earn salvation has already done so, and shared it with all of us as a free, undeserved gift. That’s what the word “Catholic” means – grace and membership are unrestricted, universal, for the “whole” world rather than some exclusive, elite club.

That means everybody is going to heaven, right? I mean, how could a loving, large-minded God send anyone to hell? He doesn’t. God’s heart is large but as this Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 13:22-30) points out, the door to heaven is narrow. Jesus is that door. No one comes to the Father except through Him. The map to the door is widely published. The Father issues regular, personal invitations. But people still need to accept the invitation and walk through the door. Apparently many choose not to. Some won’t enter the door because they’ve been offended, even scandalized by one of the doormen. Others won’t enter because it is too narrow-minded to insist that only this door is the right one. Some are really busy and put it off till things settle down. There are many reasons. But there comes a moment when the journey is over and the door closes and locks. Wherever you stand at this moment is where you’ll stand forever.

That fact that you were baptized Catholic is no guarantee that you are now on the inside. Neither is the fact that you once accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior.

But we went to Mass every Sunday (“ate and drank in your company”). But we went to Wednesday night prayer meeting and bible study (“you taught in our streets”).

Actions speak louder than words. Your words may cry “Lord, Lord” (Matthew 7:21) and your lips may sing hymns every Sunday. But what does the “body language” of your actions say? What side of the door you stand on is not a choice that is made once, either on the day you confess Christ or the day you are baptized. It is a choice that must be made every day up till that last and final day.

You can’t know when that day will be. Here’s the question you need to be concerned with--where do you stand right now?

St. Joseph Family Festival



Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18th, for our Family Festival at St. Joseph. Fried Chicken dinners will be sold for \$8.00. If you are interested in helping please call Jeannie David at 241-8319.

Catechism Teachers' Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING

There will be a meeting for Teachers on Youth Protection. It will be held at St. Joseph on Sunday, August 28th, after the 9:00am Mass in the St.

Joseph Parish Hall. All Catechism teachers **must** attend the meeting. If you have any questions please call Peggy at the Parish Office.

WORTHY TEACHERS

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz

Catechism Functions & Classes for the Month of August

9th/10th Grade Rite of Enrollment will be at St. Frances in Livonia on Sunday, **August 21st**, in the Parish Hall after the 11:00am Mass for all Private and Public school students of the TriParish and at least one parent.

St. Frances PSR Students

All Classes will be held in St. Frances Parish Hall

Monday, August 29th, for grades 6th—8th from 6:00pm—7:15pm

Tuesday, August 30th, for grades K—5th from 5:00pm—6:30pm.

Stewardship for August 14, 2022

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Offertory Collection	\$1,019.00
On-Line Giving	\$373.00

St. Joseph

Offertory Collection	\$2,082.00
On-Line Giving	\$175.00

St. Frances

Offertory Collection	\$2,692.00
On-Line Giving	\$601.00

Secret Prayer Partners

We will again have Secret Prayer Partners for our Confirmation Candidates. If you are interested please call Peggy at the Parish Office. This year we have 15 Candidates that will be Confirming. Please keep all our Candidates in your prayers as they make this Journey of Faith this year.



Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

Interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation? If you are interested or have any questions there are forms at the entrance of all the churches or you can call Peggy at the Parish Office, 625-2438.



Any Youth looking for Service Hours please call Peggy at the Parish Office.

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Reconciliation (confession) is celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday from 3:00pm—3:45pm, on Sunday at St. Joseph from 8:30am-8:45am, and Tuesday—Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary from 8:00am—8:20am.

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.