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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
April 13, 2025**

Pastor: Rev. William 'Bill' Gearheard  
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Parish Manager: Elizabeth Metoyer

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**  
St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm  
.....Sunday, 10:30 am  
Mission: St. Anne:.....Sunday, 8:15 am  
3659 Old River Road, Natchitoches, LA 71457

\*Holy Day's of Obligations & All Special Celebrations  
will be at 6:00 pm  
**Weekday Masses:** 1st Saturday 9:00 am  
Tuesday and Wednesday 6:00 pm  
Thursday and Friday 8:00 am

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass—Saturday 4 pm  
1st Friday, Holy Hour after Mass  
For an Emergency Call: 318.581.1612

We begin the holiest week of the year by holding palm branches in our hands, which recall the palm branches the crowds used two thousand years ago to welcome the Lord into the holy city. Our palm branches are blessed, for they also welcome the Lord to this holy place. Though the people of Jerusalem had no idea what the true nature of Jesus' triumph would soon be, we do and so we anticipate Jesus' ultimate victory while recognizing the intense suffering and profound grief that will accompany it.



We sing some of the saddest words in all of scripture in the psalm today: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Isaiah resisted this despair as he was struck and spat at, professing his confidence in God. Paul testifies that Jesus was willing to empty himself, to humble himself, accepting even death on a cross. In the Passion, we hear Jesus pray to the Father, not my will but yours." May today's readings reassure us that even in our worst despair God will never truly abandon us.

Who can I forgive with the Lord's mercy this week?

*Mass Schedule*

Apr 12 Saturday 5:00 pm +Gustina & +Laura Chevalier, +Joseph Raggio, +Anthony G. Rachal, +Donald Metoyer, +Phillip Brossett, Jr. & +Ronald Prudhomme

Apr 13 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Apr 13 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Apr 14 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Apr 15 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Maziel LaCour  
**Readings:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Apr 16 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Chad Jones  
**Readings:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Apr 17 Thursday 6:00 pm Ronald Prudhomme  
**Readings:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Apr 18 Friday 3:00 pm Good Friday Services  
**Readings:** Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2,6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Apr 19 Saturday 8:05 pm +Meredith Smith, +Yvonne Jones, +Lizzie Mae Metoyer, +Nazy LaCour, +Lue & +Irene Metoyer, Bowsher Family, +Louise Llorens, +Audrey Ravard, +Curtis Bordenave, Delphin/Morgan Family, & +Rod Nelson  
**Readings:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 55:1-11; Lk 24:1-12

Apr 20 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Apr 20 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

| Week's Offering: | April 6, 2025 | St. Augustine    | St. Anne         |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Weekly           | \$ 4,265.00   | \$ 455.00        |                  |
| Building Fund    | \$ 480.00     | \$ 50.00         |                  |
| Online 3/31-4/6  | \$1613.25     | St. Anne \$75.00 | Building \$55.00 |

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*Parish Service Schedule:*

|                     | LECTORS   | USHERS                         | Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist                |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Sat Apr 12 5:00 pm  | 1st & 2nd Doretta O'Brien<br>Narrator—Anita Evans<br>Voice—Doretta O'Brien                          | John Coutee<br>Kenneth Metoyer | David McGraw  |
| Sun Apr 13 10:30 am | 1st & 2nd Jennifer Colbert<br>Narrator—Jerry Jones<br>Voice—Jennifer Colbert                        | Jacob Bellow<br>Mike DeBlieux  | Jackie Delphin<br>John Scott                            |
| Sat Apr 19 5:00 pm  | 1st Rdg—Dianne Riley<br>3rd Rdg—Deloris Jones<br>5th Rdg—Catherine Rachal<br>Epistle—Minnie Metoyer | Jerry Campo<br>Patrick Jones   | Lireda Balthazar<br>Dcn Chad Thibodeaux<br>Mary Wilmore |
| Sun Apr 20 10:30 am | Peggy Braxton   | Ricky LaCour<br>Darrell Roque  | Tiffany Roque<br>Jackie Delphin                         |

**On-Line Giving**



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**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seed of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen,

**Men's Prayer Group meets every Sunday @ 9:30 am**  
**Thursday Evening of the Lord's Supper, 6 pm with Adoration until 11 pm - St. Augustine**  
**Good Friday Services, 3 pm - St. Augustine**  
**Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm - St. Augustine**  
**Easter Sunday 8:15 am - St. Anne & 10:30 am St. Augustine**



**PARISH CARE MINISTRY** - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, Carroll Poche, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, Lizzie Metoyer, Sister Stephanie Langston, Fr. William Gearheard, Theresa Roque, Hillery Peter Narcisse, Anna Marie Christophe, Maxie Christophe, Marty Vienne, Janet Jones, Samuel Christophe, Sr., Leland & Gussie LaCaze, Mona Beaudion and Joyce Conant.

High School Seniors interested in applying for the **St. Joseph Scholarship** must have their applications in by May 10th 2025. The \$1,000.00 scholarship is open to students attending four year institutions. Contact Chris Sylvia at 318.554.9237 or [csylvie@att.net](mailto:csylvie@att.net)

**St. Augustine Catholic Church Men's ACTS Group** invites you to join us for a life-changing weekend at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville, LA. It will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and fellowship beginning Thursday evening, May 1st, and concluding Sunday morning May 4th, 2025. For information about the retreat, please contact Dominick Metoyer @ 318-663-2169 or [dmetoyer@hospiceofnatchitoches.com](mailto:dmetoyer@hospiceofnatchitoches.com) or Ricky LaCour @ 318-663-2125 or Jerry Jones Jr. @ 318-332-9869.

**Sign-up sheet for the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival (May 3rd and 4th) is on the table near entrance of the church. Two hour shifts are available in the hall and at Melrose. Questions call 318. 652.1642.**

**Easter Flower envelopes** are available on the table near the entrance of the church. Funds will be used to decorate the church for Easter. You may contribute in honor/memory of someone living or deceased. Your intentions will be remembered at all masses throughout the Easter season (Easter Vigil April 19 – Pentecost June 8).

**April 18 Good Friday** is obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

Every year on **Good Friday, a collection** is taken up to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the "Living Stones," the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. To learn more, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday-2025/>

Your donation to the **Infirm Priests Fund** on **Easter Sunday** will help to replenish the fund, which provides assistance for our sick priests when illness exceeds the extent of our group health coverage limits. This is a wonderful expression of gratitude to the priests who have served you so well over the years. And please also remember them in your prayers, recalling their generosity to you. **All monies to the Infirm Priest Fund stays with the parish. Please be generous!**

As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ as to live His disciples. The **Annual Diocesan Appeal** offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His body by supporting the ministries of the local Church and contributing to the ADA.