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Fifth Sunday of Lent **April 6, 2025**

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

..Saturday, 5:00 pm St. Augustine.... ...Sundav. 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

On this final Scrutiny Sunday we hear one of the most dramatic stories in any of the Gospels: the raising of Lazarus. Four days after he was buried. Jesus call Lazarus forth from the tomb. When Lazarus emerges, Jesus orders the onlookers to untie his burial cloths, which had bound him in death. Today we are invited to consider what sins are bind-



ing us to death so that we can free ourselves and others from them and find new life in Christ, for he is truly the resurrection and the life.

Today's reading all assert the power of life over death. Ezekiel proclaims that God promises to open our graves and have us rise from them. Paul writes that with the Spirit of Christ dwelling in us, God gives life to our mortal bodies. Jesus assures Martha and Mary that he is the resurrection and the life, then raises their brother Lazarus from the tomb. As we approach Holy Week, may today's readings remind us of God's power over death.

What can I offer to someone I know that can help break the bonds that afflict them?

Mass Schedule

Apr 05 Saturday 9:00 am 1st Saturday Mass

5:00 pm +Earl Metoyer, Jr., Lizzie Mae Metoyer, Nazy LaCour, +Curtis Bordenave,

+Ronald Prudhomme, Norah Sers, Sr. & Milton Metoyer, Sr.

Apr 06 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Apr 07 Monday No Mass

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Apr 08 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Anniversary of Todd Roque **Readings:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Apr 09 Wednesday 6:00 pm + Chad Jones & +Andrew Balthazar **Readings:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Apr 10 Thursday 8:00 am Nazy LaCour **Readings:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Apr 11 Friday 8:00 am +Lynette & +Pete Rachal

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Readings: Jer 20: 10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Apr 12 Saturday 9:00 am 1st Saturday Mass

5:00 pm +Gustina & +Laura Chevalier, +Joseph Raggio, +Anthony G. Rachal,

+Donald Metoyer, +Phillip Brossett, Jr. & +Ronald Prudhomme

Readings: Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Apr 13 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

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

Week's Offering:	March 30, 2025				
-/-	St. Augustine	5	St. Anne		
Weekly	\$ 3,011.00	\$	540.00		
Flower Fund	\$ 165.00	\$	100.00		
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 566.00	\$	110.00		
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Parish Service Schedule:

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Sat Apr 5 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	Mike Bordelon James Conant	Doretta O'Brien
Sun Apr 6 10:30 am	Marissa Deen	John Scott Chris Sylvia	Tina Antee Minnie Metoyer
Sat Apr 12 5:00 pm	1st & 2nd Doretta O'Brien Narrator—Anita Evans Voice—Doretta O'Brien	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	David McGraw
Sun Apr 13 10:30 am	1st & 2nd Jennifer Colbert Narrator—Jerry Jones Voice—Jennifer Colbert	Jacob Bellow Mike DeBlieux	Jackie Delphin John Scott

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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,



On-Line Giving

Men's Prayer Group meets every Sunday @ 9:30 am

St. Anne Fish Fry on Friday, April 11 from 5 pm –8 pm - Please support. Thanks!

Stations of the Cross at 6 pm on Fridays during Lent



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

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 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 <u>318. 652.1642</u>. **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/

Today the Diocese of Alexandria begins its **2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal**. This year's theme is "God's Gift, Our Response" and is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese and the universal church to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another. The ADA lets us act together as a family and to support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer alone. Your gift is very important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. Every registered household in the diocese will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Marshall. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our diocesan Church.

Triduum (Holy Week) Schedule

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, 8:05 pm - St. Augustine

Easter Sunday 8:15 am - St. Anne & 10:30 am St. Augustine