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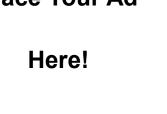
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 10, 2025 Pastor: Rev. William 'Bill' Gearheard

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#### **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



In this day and age when we can look up just about anything online and determine what is true and what is real, it's tough to have to rely on faith. But this is what God has asked us to do for thousands of years. One day our time on earth will come to an end—or the world itself will come to an end—and no internet source knows when that will be. We should be prepared at all times, just

in case. Let us pray that when we gather together each week to worship God with our community of faith, our own faith is strengthened so that we can face our future with hope and resolve.

Today's selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith. Abraham's faith was so strong that he was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have faith sufficient to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in his return, for which they should always be prepared. May today's readings remind us to ask ourselves what we need to do to prepare ourselves for that day.

What can I do to build and deepen my faith? Whom can I wait on while I wait for the Lord's return?

#### Mass Schedule

Aug 09 Saturday 5:00 pm +Yvonne Jones, +Andrew Balthazar, +Joyce Daze Faucheaux, +Todd

Roque, +Lewis 'Sonny' Jones, +Lula LaCour, Healing for Anita Evans and

+Gretta Roque Burns

Aug 10 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Aug 10 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Aug 11 Monday No Mass

Readings: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Aug 12 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Gretta Burns

**Readings:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Aug 13 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Herman Faucheaux

**Readings:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Aug 14 Thursday 8:00 am +Carolyn Dupree 4pm—St. Anne Vigil for the Assumption

**Readings:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Aug 15 Friday 8:00 am +Todd Roque

6:00 pm For an increase in Vocations **Readings:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Aug 16 Saturday 5:00 pm + Mary Rachal Beaudion, +Todd Roque, +Andrew Balthazar, +Lizzie Metoyer,

+Carmen Velasquez, and +Gretta Roque Burns

**Readings:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Aug 17 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Aug 17 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:		August 3, 202	5		
Weekly Building Fund Online 7/26-8/3	\$1,537.50	<b>St. Augustine</b> \$ 4,287.83 \$ 391.00 St. Anne \$75.00	\$ 594.00 \$ 91.00 Building \$80.00		
Thank you for your generosity!					

### Parish Service Schedule:

O	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Minis- ters of the Eucharist
Sat Aug 9 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Donald Balthazar James Conant	Lireda Balthazar
Sun Aug 10 10:30 am	Sister Stephanie	Lynwood Delphin John Scott	Minnie Metoyer
Sat Aug 16 5:00 pm	Diane Riley	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	David McGraw
Sun Aug 17 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	Henry Rachal

### **On-Line Giving**

To give online through our new platform, visit our giving page on our website <a href="https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/staugustinecaneriver">https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/staugustinecaneriver</a>
You can also give through text message by sending "Give" to 318-217-8833 or just scan the QR code. Please register with the Parish by calling 318.379.2521 during office hours.



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

Meat Pies are being made for the Festival on August 16 @ 8 am. Please come out and help in anyway you can. Thanks!

August 28 - Parish Feast Day - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Mass at 6 pm - followed by a reception in the parish hall.



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

Christian Mothers have meat pies for sale \$30 per dozen. Contact: Gail Jones 318 652-4203 or Anita Evans 318 652-1642.

### **Annual Diocesan Appeal Status**

	Goal	Pledge	Received
St. Augustine	\$17,129.00	\$16,004.25	\$11,903.75
St. Anne	\$ 2,073.00	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 1,773.00
Please prayerf	ully consider and	make a donation	to help us reach our goal!

**August 10** The week of August 10, we will take up a collection for our beloved **Maryhill Renewal Center.** Established in the 1940s by Bishop Charles P. Greco, Maryhill is used extensively by many seeking a spiritual and restful place to hold retreats and functions throughout the year. It continues to serve as the spiritual heart of the Diocese of Alexandria. Funds from this collection will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the structures and grounds in order to keep this sacred gift available to us. Please be prepared to give generously.

## **August 15** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15 is a Holy Day of obligation.

Mass Times: Vigil @ St. Anne, Thursday, August 14 at 4 pm
Friday, August 15 at St. Augustine - 8 am and 6 pm

### September 12-14 Genesis of Eve Women's Conference: "Be the One"

Join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal, personal growth, and community, centered on becoming the women God calls us to be. Throughout the weekend, you'll hear from nationally recognized speakers who offer inspiring and practical insights for deepening your faith journey. There will be opportunities to participate in Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. At the Randolph Riverfront Center in Downtown Alexandria, LA.

Tickets available now! https://bit.ly/GenesisofEve2025

#### **September 20 Catechist Enrichment Day**

Join us for **Cathechist Enrichment Day at Maryhill Renewal Center**. Evangelization and Catechesis go hand in hand in fulfilling the mission of the Church and that is to lead people to a deeper encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Presenters at this event will share teaching techniques, insights into the Sacraments, OCIA/Tribunal process, how to make scripture come alive, and more. If your role involves sharing the faith with others, please join us this day of relational ministry enrichment. Speakers will be: Dr. Amber Hyatt, Nicole Mitchell, Sylvia Davis, Deacon Les Glankler, Father Taylor Reynolds and Bishop Robert Marshall.

To register, complete the form here: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/dcnjlavergne/2025\_Catechist\_Day">https://form.jotform.com/dcnjlavergne/2025\_Catechist\_Day</a> Or contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at <a href="mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org">dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org</a>

### September 27 Mass Honoring Altar Servers, 10:00 am @ St. Frances Xavier Cathedral

This is for youth and adult servers. Please RSVP to 318.379.2521 or email: staugustine1803@gmail.com by September 20, 2025.