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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2024

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Augustine..... ..Saturday, 5:00 pm ...Sundav. 10:30 am Mission: St. Anne:.....Sunday, 8:15 am

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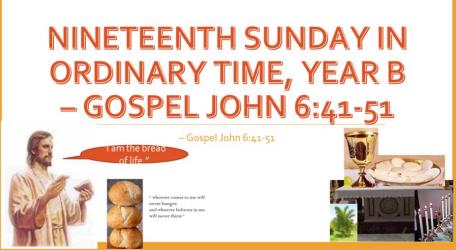
*Holy Day's of Obligations & All Special Celebrations

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 live in a part of the country where the heat that's accumulated by this time of year is overwhelming. If so, the first reading will resonate with us. Just one day into his journey across the desert, the great prophet Elijah is so hot and tired and hungry and thirsty that he actually prays for death. Whether due to extreme temperatures or something else, sometimes we may feel at the end of our ropes. God sends him an angel, who bring him a hearth

cake and a jug of water, which sustains him on his journey across the desert to the mountain of God. Note that Elijah needed a second push. After he ate and drank his fill, he went back to bed! The angel has to come back, awaken him again, and order him to complete his journey. It is only then, after eating and drinking some more, that he felt strong enough to continue. What's important is that God did not give up on him. We too may need another push to get us on our way, but God will not give up on us either. May Elijah remind us that God comes to us in our hour of need, most significantly by sending us Jesus, the Bread of Life, whom we receive in the Eucharist and who is with us always, accompanying us and sustaining us in our suffering.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the huge crowd whom he had fed with five loaves and two fish that he is the bread of life, bread that will enable all those who eat it to live forever. God has given us the sustenance we need to make our journeys through this life to the next.

Mass Schedule

Aug 10 Saturday 5:00 +Marquerite Roque, +Joe Raggio, +Todd Roque, +Charles 'Sonny" Metoy-

er, +Yvonne Jones, +Joseph D. Roque, +Sylvester Sers, +Lewis 'Sonny" Jones and +Rod Nelson

Aug 11 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Aug 11 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Aug 12 Monday No Mass

Readings: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Aug 13 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Sylvester Sers

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Aug 14 Wednesday 4:00 pm—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St. Anne

6:00 pm +Joe Raggio

Readings: Jer 31:1-7; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28

Aug 15 Thursday 8:00 am +Joe Raggio

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Aug 16 Friday 8:00 am Joseph Maria Bui Phuong

Readings: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Aug 17 Saturday 5:00 pm Armstrong & Roland Families (Living & Deceased), +Joe Raggio, +Phillip

Brossett, Jr., and +Rod Nelson

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Aug 18 Sunday 8:15 am Cayer & Armstrong Families (Living & Deceased) and Culpepper &

Schelette Families

Aug 18 Sunday 10:30 am

Thank you for your generosity!

The People of the Parish

Week's Offering: August 4, 2024

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly & Easter	\$ 4,301.00	\$ 637.00
Building Fund	\$ 385.00	\$ 52.00
Online 7/29-8/4	\$ 1,963.25 Building \$80.00	St. Anne \$75.00

Parish Service Schedule:

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		LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
	Sat Aug 10 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Mike Bordelon James Conant	Anita Evans David McGraw
	Sun Aug 11 10:30 am	John Scott	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	Carey Blanchard Jackie Delphin
	Sat Aug 17 5:00 pm	Doretta O'Brien	David McGraw Clyde Roque	Ted Duggan Bridget Metoyer
	Sun Aug 18 10:30 am	Minnie Metoyer	Barry Antee Jacob Bellow	Wilson Coutee Tiffany Roque

On-Line Giving

To give online through our new platform, visit our giving page on our website https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/staugustinecaneriver 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.

This Week at a Glance

St. Augustine Weekday Masses Tues, 6 pm Wed, 4 pm St. Anne Wed, 6 pm Thurs, 8 am Fri, 8 am

Prayer for Unity, to Overcome Division

Christ Jesus, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters but we are divided and at times, even hostile-tearing one another down. We approach the altar unworthily and ask for your forgiveness. Move us, instead, towards Encounter listening dialogue reconciliation, and a commitment to build your kingdom for the good of all. Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord. Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions. Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed and willing to encounter, ready to listen. In your broken body, given for all, may we find unity and peace in you. Amen. Copyright © 2022, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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

August 15 - The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wed., August 14, 2024 Vigil - 4 pm St. Anne & 6 pm St. Augustine Thursday, August 15, 2024 - 8 am

Hot Tamales, August 17 & August 24 @ 8 am for the Creole Festival.

Please come out and lend a helping hand.

Pastoral Council meeting August 20, 2024 @ 6 pm

The Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. If you are interested, please call the office to register at 318.379.2521. RCIA Meeting, Tuesday, August 27 @ 6 pm



PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, Andrew Balthazar, Carroll Poche, Donald Gallion, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, Lizzie Metoyer, Vanue Lacour, Sister Stephanie Langston, Fr. William Gearheard, Theresa Roque, Hillery Peter Narcisse and Joyce Conant.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA) 2024

Goal Pledged Received \$20,828.00 \$20,907.00 \$18,157.80 \$ 2,234.00 \$ 1,658.00 \$ 1,658.00 Please prayerful consider making a donation to the ADA appeal.

The **Christian Mothers have Meat Pies** to sell, **\$30.00 a dozen**. Please contact Gail Jones at 318.652.4203 if you are interested.

This weekend 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 17 St. Francis and St. Anne Church 4th Annual Women's Day Retreat Join us on Aug. 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for our 4th Annual Women's Day Retreat at St. Francis and Anne Church in Kolin. This year's theme is "A.S.K." The day includes breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt. Cost is \$30.

September 6-8 Genesis of Eve Women's Conference

Join us downtown at the Alexandria at the Randolph Riverfront Center for a conference weekend be full of opportunities to listen and encounter, as women of all ages gather to expand their community and deepen their personal relationship with Christ. Each day will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic Speakers including Beth Davis, Jackie Francois Angel, Kathryn Whitaker, and Fr. Justin Brady. Worship will be led by Kelley Pease Lombardi and include music by Laura Huval, with the closing Mass to be celebrated by our own Bishop Robert Marshall. With the schedule also including time for Confessions and Adoration, it will be a true time of spiritual nourishment.

The conference is open to women of all faiths, ages 18 and older, and mothers with nursing infants are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Genesis of Eve storefront along with other vendors will be there, with opportunities to shop Catholic and artisanal items. All meals for the weekend are included with ticket purchase, and a special rate is available through the Hotel Bentley for those wishing to stay nearby. For more information or to purchase tickets visit genesisofeve.org