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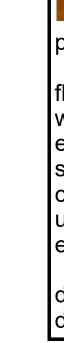
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 17, 2025** 

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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



Today's second reading speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, perhaps referring to the large number of Christians who gave witness to their faith through their words and IN ORDINARY TIME actions. Baptized in the Lord, we are those witnesses now. Looking around and seeing our faith community gathered here today, let us think of ourselves as a "great cloud of witnesses," assured of each other's support and encouragement as we live out our disci-

pleship to the Lord.

Today's readings are difficult to hear. Jeremiah's preaching so inflamed the people of Judah that he was thrown into a pit to die. Jesus warned his disciples that he came to inflame people so much that parents would turn against their children and vice versa. Nevertheless, says the author of Hebrews, we must persevere in our faith, endure our cross, and resist sin, so that one day we may find the joy that lies before us. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may God's word encourage us to never give up.

When has something I've said or done in accordance with my faith divided family or friends? How have I handled this? Could I have handled it better?

### Mass Schedule

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

+Carmen Velasquez, and +Gretta Roque Burns

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

Aug 17 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Aug 18 Monday No Mass

**Readings:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Aug 19 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Joe & Rosalie Jones **Readings:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Aug 20 Wednesday 6:00 pm + Meredith Smith & + Keith Medley

**Readings:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16 Aug 21 Thursday 8:00 am +Todd Roque

**Readings:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Aug 22 Friday 8:00 am +Henry Rachal, Sr.

**Readings:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Aug 23 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Yvonne Jones, +Leslie Jones, and +Lula LaCour, and

+Gretta R. Burns

**Readings:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Aug 24 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Aug 24 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:		August 10, 2025		
		St. Augustine	5	St. Anne
Weekly		\$ 3,428.00	\$	332.00
Building Fund		\$ 40.00	\$	0.00
Maryhill		\$ 508.00	\$	131.00
Campaign for Human	Dev	\$ 8.00		
	365.00	St. Anne \$75.00 Building \$5	5.00	

## Parish Service Schedule:

U	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Minis- ters of the Eucharist
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
Sat Aug 23 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	James Conant David McGraw	Bridget Metoyer
Sun Aug 24 10:30 am	John Scott	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones II	Rebecca Jones



To give online through our new platform, visit our giving page on our website <a href="https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/">https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/</a>

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.



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

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.

Back to School Bash - August 30 after the 5 pm Mass Come join us for waterslide fun, good food - Pre-register for C.C.D.

CCD begin on September 3, 2025, 6:30—7:30 pm
Youth Choir Practice Wednesday @ 6 pm on Wednesday,
except the 3rd Wednesday of each month as the youth are required to attend Mass

Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic faith or wish to join the Catholic Church? O. C. I. A begins on Thursday, Sept 4, 2025 @ 6 pm.

Please call the office to register @ 318.379.2521.



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, reawak-

en in us the blessed hope for the

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 van-

eternally.

ever. Amen.

quished, your glory will shine

May the grace of the Jubilee

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

reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

coming of your Kingdom.

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	Pleage	Received
St. Augustine	\$17,129.00	\$16,004.25	\$11,903.75
St. Anne	\$ 2,073.00	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 1,773.00

Please prayerfully consider and make a donation to help us reach our goal!

### 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.