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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pmSunday, 10:30 am St. Anne:....Sunday, 8:30 am

*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

The Suffering Catholic Church and the New Evangelization

Catholic Bishop, Robert Baron, has repeatedly stated over the past 3 years the Catholic Church is a suffering Catholic Church. It is a Remnant Church. There are fewer Catholics who actually believe wholeheartedly in the teaching authority and the deposit of its truths. There are fewer Catholics who treasure Church practices and her worship. Fewer Catholics are willing to allow their lives to be led and formed by the Christ's Apostolic Church. It is of no doubt there have been scandals which have contributed to this decline. However, scandals are nothing new. When Judas, a chosen apostle (a close friend of Jesus) betrayed his Lord for money and power, this was the first scandal of many which are ongoing today. Despite scandals which do occur, we move forward.

The Church was given by God and begun by Jesus to ennoble and guide Humanity to eternal life. Ironically many today think God uses the Church solely to control us. This is not true. The Catholic (Universal) Church has been entrusted to safeguard God given virtues and values. As Jesus himself told us, His Church will exist to the end of time.

I think most can agree the world in which we live in is violent, confusing and filled with division and hatred. The world needs a light but we often refuse the light which the Lord offers. Many people are lonely and hungry for Jesus and His truth, but sadly, many do not even know their hunger. We have been so accustomed to live in the muck of addiction and perversion all around us that we are now somewhat desensitized to it. We are living in a critical time and are at a Crossroads. I think we can agree we live in time which seeks radical ways to find heart satisfying meaning. Traditional Church organizations which have served us in the past may or may not be as effective in serving us now in this critical time. We must be open to God's spirit.

My personal philosophy and pedagogy is to support and advocate any parish tradition, parish movement or parish organization which effectively helps parishioners witness the values and truths of Jesus and His Church. Entities or nostalgic traditions which are no longer effective, or no longer meaningful need to move aside to allow new winds and new ways to blow in. This is exactly which the Council Fathers prescribed as the New Evangelization of the Church so often and powerfully spoken at Second Vatican Council 55 years old. It is now time to move prayerfully and forcefully with the Holy Spirit to holier pastures. The time is now. Let's be a Spotlight On A Hill for Cane River and for our diocese. God bless the beautiful families and parishioners of St. Augustine's and St. Anne's!

Fr. Bill

Mass Schedule

Aug 19 Saturday 5:00 pm Mary Rachal Beaudion, Joan Edwards, James Felton Moran, Lester & Faye

Sarpy and Raymond Waters

Aug 20 Sunday 8:30 am Amy Tobin and Joe Schelette

Aug 20 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Aug 21 Monday No Mass

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

Aug 22 Tuesday 6:00 pm Bishops, Priests, and Religious

Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Aug 23 Wednesday 6:00 pm Todd Roque

Readings: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Aug 24 Thursday 8:00 am James Felton Moran

Readings: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Aug 25 Friday 8:00 am Gilbert Caldeon

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

Aug 26 Saturday 5:00 pm Edna R. Gallien, Charles H. Christopher, Lisa Christopher, The Poche

Famiy, Raymond Waters and Special Intention

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

Aug 27 Sunday 8:30 am Amy Tobin and Joe Schelette

Aug 27 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	August 6, 2023 St. Augustine St. Anne			
Weekly	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 645.00		
Building	\$ 315.00	\$ 58.00		
Maryhill	\$ 776.00	\$ 128.00		
Online 7/31-8/6	\$ 710.75 Building \$30.00	St. Anne \$50.00		
Thank you for your generosity!				

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat Aug 19 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Donald Balthazar Clyde Roque	Volunteers
Sun Aug 20 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Patrick Jones II Norah Sers	Volunteers
Sat Aug 26 5:00 pm	Jackie Metoyer	Kenneth Metoyer Keith Sarpy	Volunteers
Sun Aug 27 10:30 am	John Scott	Henry Rachal Chris Sylvia	Volunteers

On-Line Giving

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ing 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

Tuesday - 6 pm Mass Wed 6 pm Mass (AA Meeting Wed, 7:00 pm at St. Anne's) Thurs 8 am Mass Fri 8 am Mass

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Amen.



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

Thanks to everyone that helped in making of meat pies and hot tamales for St. Augustine Creole Festival.

CCD: There will be a training for all CCD teachers on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm given by Deacon Jason Lavergne. CCD classes will start on Sept. 13 with 6 pm Mass, class will begin immediately after Mass and students will be dismissed at 7:40 pm. Students Wednesday night supper will be on the 3rd Wednesday after class is dismissed. Registration forms will be on the table at the entrance of church or online. Registration Fee is \$15. For more info, please contact Deloris Jones @ 471.4168.



PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for Anthony Lacour (Illinois), Barbara Moran (Shreveport), Noble Moran (Shreveport), Sister Sylvia Conant (California), Brian Conant (California), Kathy Batten (Bermuda) Teresa Basco (Alexandria); Mollie Rachal (Natchitoches), Van & Riley LaCaze (Natchez); Robert Eugene (Connecticut) and Bruce Metoyer (St Anthony's); Darrin Gallion (Shreveport) Leonard LaCour (Georgia) and Kasey Sparish

(Natchitoches) Cortena Morris (Natchez) Parishioners - Dee LaCour, Nick Jackson, Donald Metoyer, Andrew Balthazar, Carroll Poche, Sylvester Sers, Donald Gallion, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, and Lizzie Metoyer.

To add others to the list, contact Dcn. Mark @ 409.656.4651 or anyone in the ministry group (Henry Rachal, Catherine Rachal, Dianne Moran, Sylvia Lacour, Deloris Jones, Roosevelt Washington, Pat Jones, Angela Jones, PJ Jones, Dominick Metoyer, Joy McGraw, Tiffany Roque, and Tommy Roque).

Bingo Prizes are needed for the **St. Augustine Creole Festival**, please drop them off in the basket at the entrance of the Church.

All parishioners have a subscription to **FORMED** and **AMEN**. Please utilize these great programs! Call the office for more information.

Special Collection date: September 3

Since 1903, **The Catholic University of America** has been blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. James Cardinal Gibbons, our first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, affectionately called the collection "the people's endowment." Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. Please be generous. For more information visit: https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection

Congratulations to the following Christian Mothers that won a seat at the table for the Catholic Women Conference "Genesis of Eve" on September 8-10, 2023. They are: Tina Antee, Marissa Dean, Nicol Delphin, Rebecca Jones, Minnie Metoyer, Doretta O'Brien, Yolande Pinckley and Laney Sylvia.

October 13-15 2023 Annual Creole Festival

Celebrating more than 200 years of culture, cuisine, faith, family and friends! Join us on the grounds of St. Augustine Church in Isle Brevelle starting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13 for a fish fry while listening to the music of Deep Water Rehab band. On Saturday, the fun begins at 10:00 a.m. and includes a bike tour, river tour, bingo, raffles, gumbo, meat pies, tamales and more! Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, activities begin again following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Music for Saturday and Sunday provided by DJ Doc Couty. Every thing is free and family friendly! Please do not park on the river bank. For more information contact the church office at (318) 379-2521 or watch our Facebook page: facebook.com/staugustineontheisle

St. Augustine Women's ACTS Retreat will be held on November 9-12, 2023. More information will follow.