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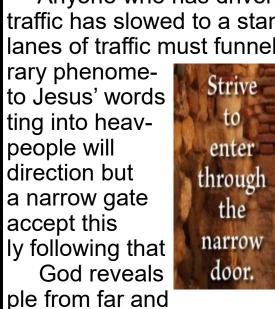
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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

Mission: St. Anne:..... ..Sundav. 8:15 am 3659 Old River Road, Natchitoches, LA 71457

*Holy Day's of Obligations & All Special Celebrations

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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

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Anyone who has driven often on highways can recall times in which traffic has slowed to a standstill because of a bottleneck, when multiple lanes of traffic must funnel down to a single open lane. This contempo-

non is analogous today about geten. Jesus says come from every must pass through to enter. Let us challenge, patientnarrow path. to Isaiah that peowide will be wel-

comed to the holy city, Jerusalem. The psalmist also invites people of every nation to glorify God. Centuries later, Jesus affirms that people from every point to the compass will be welcomed into the kingdom of God. That having been said, getting in is not easy and some will be sent away. May we embrace God's discipline, in the spirit in which it is explained in the second reading today, recognizing that it is offered out of God's great love for us.

What must I do to grow in the discipline of being a good disciple of the Lord? What can strengthen my "drooping hands and weak knees"?

Mass Schedule

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

+Gretta R. Burns

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

Aug 24 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Aug 25 Monday No Mass

Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Aug 26 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Lula LaCour

Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Aug 27 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Paul Velasquez

Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32

Aug 28 Thursday 6:00 pm Feast of St. Augustine - +Todd Roque **Readings:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Aug 29 Friday 8:00 am +Michael 'Mickey' Moran

Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mk 6:17-29

Aug 30 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Elizabeth C. Metoyer, +Curtis Bordenave, Delphin-

Morgan Family, +James Kenneth Conant, +Arma Sylvie and +Gretta R. Burns

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith

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-

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.

blessed, be glory and praise for

To you our God, eternally

reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

eternally.

ever. Amen.

coming of your Kingdom.

you have given us in your son,

Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Aug 31 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Aug 31 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:		August 17, 2025		
		St. Augustine	ia s	St. Anne
Weekly		\$ 6,065.09	\$	462.00
Assumption		\$ 918.00	\$	189.00
Maryhill		\$ 75.00	\$	0.00
Online 8/11-8/17	\$880.00	St. Anne \$75.00	Building \$5.00	

Parish Service Schedule:

U	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Minis- ters of the Eucharist
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
Sat Aug 30 5:00 pm	Doretta O'Brien	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	Mary Wilmore
Sun Aug 31 10:30 am	Jerry Jones	Barry Antee Jacob Bellow	Jackie Delphine



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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

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 every Wednesday @ 6 pm,
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.



PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, Hillery Peter Narcisse, Maxine Christophe, Janet Jones, Samuel Christophe, Sr., Leland & Gussie LaCaze and Mona Beaudion.

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!

September 7 - Collection for the Catholic University of America 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.

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.lv/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: https://form.jotform.com/dcnjlavergne/2025 Catechist Day Or contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne/2025 Catechist Day Or

September 27 Mass Honoring Altar Servers, 10:00 am @ St. Frances Xavier CathedralThis is for youth and adult servers. Please RSVP to 318.379.2521 or email: staugustine1803@gmail.com by September 20, 2025.