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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 4, 2024**

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Parish Manager: Elizabeth Metoyer

**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

Especially during Ordinary Time, the first reading is selected to prepare us for the passage we will hear in the Gospel. Today's first reading must have been easy to choose, for it is referenced in the Gospel. There Jesus explains that it was God, not Moses, who provided the bread that sustained the Chosen People. It is God who has sent bread again, in the form of the Son, who is the Bread of Life. God is the ultimate source of our nourishment on your journeys, whether to the promised land of Israel or to eternal life in the kingdom of God.

The Chosen People had just complained to Moses and Aaron about their hunger, recalling their fill of bread in Egypt. Yet, bread under their feet is this?" they asked as bread from God, in the desert. It is al-foreshadowing of an sent down from heav-Bread of Life, who sim-or misunderstood by nize the Bread of Life day and every day? ing, "What is this?"

John sets up this saying that after eating feast Jesus provided, so intent on pursuing him that they sailed across the Sea of Galilee to the village of Capernaum. They had seen at least one of the signs that he had performed and been fed as well, so this made sense. But Jesus immediately redirects their thinking: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life". As he had earlier invited the woman at the well to accept the living water only he could provide, Jesus now invites the crowd to accept the bread of life he offers. Both the water from the well and the barley loaves can nourish us for only a short time; Jesus can satisfy our hunger and thirst for eternity.

What have I grumbled about this week on my journey through life? How can the Bread of Life sustain me through a difficulty or hardship like that?



they failed to recognize the next morning. "What Moses. Moses identifies it bread that will save them so, as we find out later, a even greater source of life en: Jesus Christ, the ilarly, is also unrecognized the crowd. Do we recog-when he comes to us to-Or are we invariably ask-  
passage of his Gospel by their fill of the miraculous the crowd of people were

*Mass Schedule*

Aug 03 Saturday 5:00 +Sylvester Sers, +Joseph Edward Conant, +John Sarpy, +Joe Raggio, Anniversary of Merrell Lacour, + Mary LaCour, +Fr. Robert Owens Hickman and Michael 'Mickey' Moran

Aug 04 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Aug 04 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Aug 05 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Aug 06 Tuesday 6:00 pm No Mass  
**Readings:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Aug 07 Wednesday 6:00 pm No Mass  
**Readings:** Jer 31:1-7; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28

Aug 08 Thursday 8:00 am No Mass  
**Readings:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Aug 09 Friday 8:00 am No Mass  
**Readings:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Aug 10 Saturday 5:00 pm +Marquerite Roque, +Joe Raggio, +Todd Roque, +Charles 'Sonny' Metoyer, +Yvonne Jones, +Joseph D. Roque, +Sylvester Sers, +Lewis 'Sonny' Jones and +Rod Nelson  
**Readings:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Aug 11 Sunday 8:15 am Cayer & Armstrong Families (Living & Deceased) and Culpepper & Schelette Families

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

**Week's Offering: July 28, 2024**

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly & Easter	\$ 3,703.00	\$ 482.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00
Online 7/15-21	\$ 1,070.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**This Week at a Glance**  
 St. Augustine Weekday Masses  
 No Weekday Masses

**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

*Parish Service Schedule:*

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Aug 3 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	Doretta O'Brien Catherine Rachal
Sun Aug 4 10:30 am	Carey Blanchard	Henry Rachal Chris Sylvia	Tina Antee John Scott
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

**On-Line Giving**



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

**Meat Pies will be made on August 10 @ 8 am and 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.**

Next week 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 13 Breathing Through Grief**

Catholic Charities certified Christian Life Coaches will lead a grief support program developed by Pat Sheveland, the founder of The International Academy of Grief, the "B.R.E.A.T.H.E Coaching Model for Grief." The steps are designed with actions that will meet the recipient in their grief journey regardless of the circumstance. **Tuesdays, August 13 thru September 24, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Diocese of Alexandria Conference Room, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria** For more information, please email [hello@cccenla.org](mailto:hello@cccenla.org) **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** [www.cccenla.org](http://www.cccenla.org) or call 318.445.2401, ext 533

**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 [genesisofove.org](http://genesisofove.org)