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**1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024**

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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

On this first day of December, the first day of the season of Advent, and this first day of a new liturgical year, we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew. Even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as an infant on Christmas night, we can also make this season an opportunity to receive him more deeply into our hearts and make him more central to the way we live our lives.

The readings of Advent, coverings. Jeremiah God will send a bring righteous-the world. Paul may permeate Thessalonians, love for each Finally, Jesus that one day he will come again in glory to redeem all those who stand virtuously before him. May we be reminded that Christ came into this world two thousand years ago, will do so again at the end of time, but also continually comes into our world through our hearts.



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What will I do to prioritize Christ's coming over all the persistent anxieties of the season? Can I take ten minutes of each day this Advent to pray?

Mass Schedule

Nov 30 Saturday 5: +Verre & Brenda LaCour, +Philander Sterling, +Eugene & +Elizabeth Metoyer, +Elsie J. Christophe, +Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, +Rod Nelson, +Nellsa Ann Rachal, +James Raggio, Sr., +Eula Nora, +Sr. Sylvia Conant, and +Chad Nelson

Dec 01 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Dec 01 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Dec 02 Monday No Mass
Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Dec 03 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Rod Nelson
Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Dec 04 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Chad Jones
Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Dec 05 Thursday 8:00 am +Vanessa Louis and +Verre & Brenda LaCour
Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Dec 06 Friday 8:00 am +Philander Sterling
Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Dec 07 Saturday 5:00 pm +Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, +Sr. Sylvia Conant, +Fr. Paul Deutsch, and +Angela Sarpy & Family
Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Dec 08 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Dec 08 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	November 24, 2024	
	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 4,204.00	\$ 307.00
Online 11/18-11/24	\$ 845.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$75.00
Thank you for your generosity!		

This Week at a Glance
 Tues, 6 pm
 Wed, 6 pm
 Thurs, 8 am
 Fri, 8 am

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Nov 30 5:00 pm	Catherine Rachal	David McGraw Kenneth Metoyer	Antia Evans
Sun Dec 01 10:30 am	Carey Blanchard	Lynwood Delphin John Scott	Henry Rachal Mary Wilmore
Sat Dec 07 5:00 pm	Dianne Riley	John Coutee Clyde Roque	David McGraw
Sun Dec 08 10:30 am	John Scott	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	Jackie Delphin Wilson Coutee

Dear Heavenly Father, this Advent season, we especially are in need of peace. War rages on in our world. It impacts the daily lives of millions in different ways. This year, as much as ever, we need Jesus, Prince of Peace, in our world and in our hearts. During Advent in 2024, we pray that Jesus transforms our world as we await His coming again.

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.



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

St. Anne's Fundraiser was a huge success! We raised a total of \$3,982.50



The First Sunday of Advent marks the new Liturgical Year, and the Church shifts into a new Lectionary Cycle for Sundays, with 2024-25 from Year C, the Gospel of St. Luke. In the Sunday Gospel (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36) Jesus invites us to recognize the signs of the last days. This is a reminder that Advent is not just looking back at the first coming of Christ at Christmas, but our personal preparation for His Second Coming: "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



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

December 5 - The Light is On for You: Advent Day of Reconciliation held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm at St. Augustine Catholic Church. All churches throughout the Diocese of Alexandria will be offering confessions this day, check with them for the exact time. Please prayerful consider this opportunity.

December 7 Christmas Extravaganza!

Exciting games for the children, pictures with Santa, Gumbo Cook-off, vendors, concessions, and much more in the **Activities Building at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Pineville.**
 1) Breakfast with Santa IS FREE 8:00-9:30 a.m.: Pancakes, Sausage & Juice. Everyone can bring a canned good for Santa to take to feed the less fortunate at the North Pole.
 2) Raffle drawings - \$5.00 for one ticket or \$20.00 for 5 tickets.
 3) Gumbo and sides dinner - Tickets \$10.00.
 We are still accepting Vendors. Donations to the Sweet Shop are appreciated, needed by Dec. 6. For more information about tickets or to participate you can call the Church Office: 318-445-2497 or Wade Trahant at 318-308-0406.

December 8 The week of Dec. 8, our special collection will support the **Retirement Fund for Religious.** Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

December 14 At 9am the **Christian Mothers** will meet with Deacon Chad Thibodeaux for reflections on the Advent season. Lunch will be served. We will also have a small gift exchange. All are welcome.

December 18 SHS presents: An Old Fashion Christmas USO Variety Show
 Join us at the **Mari Convention Show Room in Marksville** at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18 for a Christmas show like you've never seen before! Students in grades PK3 through 8th Grade will be participating in the show. Though there is no charge, a donation at the door is welcome. **Presented by Sacred Heart School, Moreauville.**

December 22 Children's Christmas Program @ 5 pm at St. Augustine