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**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 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

We will hear it at least a few times over the next two weeks: “It’s better to give than to receive. We recognize this when we see the expressions of joy in a child’s face or tears of appreciation from a parent or spouse when they open a gift we’ve given them. Jesus himself said the same words to his disciples more like today with John preaching to the what they have have less. As we Lord’s coming, let the bounty the us with and give to We hear Paul near, “ in the second reading today and we can count so many ways this is so. We’re just ten days away from Christmas, for one. In a little while we will receive the Lord in the Eucharist. The Lord is here when two or more gather in his name. The Lord is near to us always, by virtue of our baptism. Right now, the Lord is here in the form of God’s word. Warmed by the Lord’s presence, let us listen for his voice in the words of scripture.



What will help remind me to try to see the Lord in those in need?

...ples, though in a the one we hear the Baptist crowds to share with those who prepare for the us share from Lord has blessed those in need. say, “The Lord is on reading today

Mass Schedule

Dec 14 Saturday 5:00 pm +Enolia Narcisse, +Ronald A. Prudhomme, +Meredith Smith, +Isanor Metoyer, +James L. Metoyer, +Cecil & J. B. Balthazar, In Thanksgiving for Lireda Balthazar, +Eugene Metoyer, Sr. Sylvia Conant & Anniversary of Fred Severin

Dec 15 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Dec 15 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Dec 16 Monday No Mass
Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 24:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Dec 17 Tuesday 6:00 pm Fr. Paul Deutsch
Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Dec 18 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Chad Jones
Readings: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Dec 19 Thursday 8:00 am +Larry S. Balthazar
Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Dec 20 Friday 8:00 am +Angela Sarpy & Family and Anniversary of Annie Dell Severin
Readings: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Dec 21 Saturday 5:00 pm Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, For the 3rd Women's ACTS Team, Fr. Paul Deutsch, +Phillip Brossett, Jr., and Phillip Brossett, Sr.
Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Dec 22 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families

Dec 22 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering: December 8, 2024

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 3,007.90	\$ 399.00
Immaculate	\$ 245.00	\$ 101.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 75.00	Flower Fund \$120.00
Online 12/1-12/8	\$ 1,550.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Dec 14 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	David McGraw Kenneth Metoyer	Lireda Balthazar
Sun Dec 15 10:30 am	Peggy Braxton	Glenn Sers Norah Sers	Henry Rachal Mary Wilmore
Sat Dec 21 5:00 pm	Doretta O'Brien	Farrell Christophe James Conant	Bridget Metoyer
Sun Dec 22 10:30 am	Sr. Elizabeth Ann Holmes	Mike Deblieux Chris Sylvia	Tina Antee Catherine Rachal

On-Line Giving

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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.

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

Parents, please bring your children on time to Religious Education. Thanks



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, Janet Jones and Joyce Conant.

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2024

December 24, 2024 5 pm & 10:30 pm - St. Augustine
 December 24, 2024 8:00 pm - St. Anne
 December 25, 2024 9 am - St. Augustine
 December 31, 2024 4 pm - St. Anne - Vigil
 December 31, 2024 6 pm - St. Augustine - Vigil
 January 1, 2025 9 am - St. Augustine

Holy Day of Obligations - Christmas and Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 25 Christmas Masses - Church Vocations. Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a second collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the Church Vocations collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please give generously.

March 7-9 SAVE THE DATE! Fullness of Truth Conference

March 7-9 the Fullness of Truth Conference will be held at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria. The theme of this year's conference is "Go Make Disciples: The Eucharistic Revival & the Call to Evangelize". A full schedule of speakers and event timeline will be coming soon. For more information, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org

April 24-27 SAVE THE DATE! Women's Silent Retreat

A women's silent retreat will be held at Maryhill on April 24-27. The retreat will be led by author, podcaster and Ignatian Spiritual Director Becky Eldridge. Registration and details will be coming soon. For more information, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org