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**Fourth Sunday in Advent December 21, 2025** 

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St. Augustine.. ..Saturday, 5:00 pm ..Sunday, 10:30 am

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As we approach the festive day on which we may receive gifts and guests into our homes, we take a moment to recall that during this season of Advent we are called to prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts. Yes, we receive him in a most special way at Christmas, the day we celebrate

the world receiving him have the opportunity to every day. Let us prepare our hearts to lEucharist.

Twice today we hear claimed hundreds of birth: "the virgin shall son, and they shall This Hebrew name and when Joseph, a



in the flesh, but we also receive him each and humbly ask God to receive him in the

the words Isaiah proyears before Christ's conceive and bear a name him Emmanuel." means "God is with us, devout and righteous

man, is visited by an angel in his dream, he recalls Isaiah's prophecy. We know that God is also with us as we gather here to listen to God's word, and so at this time we allow ourselves to be immersed in God's presence as we actively listen to today's reading.

What small act of mercy can I carry out this fourth week of Advent?

#### Mass Schedule

Dec 20 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, LaCour Family, +Gretta R. Burns, +Lady Curry Rachal, +Walter Meziere, +Jewel Cayer Armstrong +Isanor & +Eugene Metoyer, +Benedict LaCour, Jr., and

+Regis E. Rachal

Dec 21 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Dec 21 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Dec 22 Monday No Mass

**Readings:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Dec 23 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Cora & +Joe Rachal

**Readings:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Dec 24 Wednesday 5:00 pm +Cleo & +Dillion Balthazar

8:00 pm St. Anne

10:30 pm +Tpdd Roque, +Joe Raggio, +The Riley/Rodgers Family (living & deceased),

+Gwendolyn Rachal Aubrey & +Chad Nelson

Dec 25 Thursday 8:00 am +Anthony L. Rachal, +Ladys Rachal, +Regis E. Rachal, +Thaddeus & Marie

Meziere, and +Chad Nelson

**Readings:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Dec 26 Friday 8:00 am +Gretta R. Burns

**Readings:** Acts 6:8-19; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22

Dec 27 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Arthur Metoyer, +Fred Severin, +Bernadine Delphin & Family, +Curtis T. Bordenave, Jr., +Benedict LaCour Sr. & +Stella LaCour Family, +Lawrence & +Frances

Meziere Family, +Laura & +Lawrence Meziere, Jr. and +Chad Nelson

Dec 28 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Dec 28 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

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Week's Offering:	December 14, 2025		
Weekly Retirement Fund for Religious	<b>St. Augustine</b> \$3,788.00 \$ 491.00	<b>St. Anne</b> \$285.00 \$138.00	
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Sat Dec 20 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	James Conant Clyde Roque	David McGraw
Sun Dec 21 10:30 am	Sister Stephanie	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	Ted Duggan – Cup Minnie Metoyer – Cup Tina Antee
Sat Dec 27 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	John Coutee David McGraw	Lireda Balthazar
Sun Dec 28 10:30 am	Chad Nelson	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	Tiffany Roque – Cup John Scott – Cup Catherine Rachal

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# The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

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 vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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

# St. Augustine Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 20 @ 4 pm In Parish Hall



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

#### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

December 24 – 5 pm & 10:30 pm – St. Augustine
December 24 - 8:00 pm – St. Anne
December 25 – 9:00 am – St. Augustine
December 31 – 4 pm St. Anne
January 1 – 9:00 am – St. Augustine

Christmas Flower envelopes are available on the table near the entrance of the church. Funds will be used to decorate the church for Christmas. You may contribute in honor/memory of someone living or deceased. Your intentions will be remembered at all masses throughout the Christmas season. Christmas trees and crib will be put up on Sunday, December 21, 2025 after the 10:30 am mass. Your help would be appreciated.

#### **December 25 Vocations Collection**

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.

## **December 28 Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope**

The closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope will be held on Sunday, Dec. 28 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. Over the past year, hundreds of people from across the diocese participated in the Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage. Every pilgrimage site in our diocese distributed hundreds of passports and thousands of stickers. We are overwhelmed with the number of completed passports being received weekly. Please note, if you are attempting to complete the pilgrimage, the pilgrimage site churches may take up their passport stickers and other materials after the closing Mass on Sunday, Dec. 28 so make sure you complete your pilgrimage before then. We will accept your completed passports in the mail into the beginning of 2026 but to ensure you receive a completion certificate signed by Bishop and a limited edition commemorative coin, please don't delay.

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