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4th Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Christmas is so close now that we can nearly taste it? Children can hardly contain their excitement while adults panic about all they still need to do. But for now, let us consider Mary and Joseph, just days before she would give birth, struggling to make their way up an unfamiliar and dangerous road,

hoping to make it fortable place to David. As we well places were no but it all worked exactly as they had keep that in mind days of preparing our homes for As we sing, turn to you; let us



we shall be saved. Micah turned to Bethlehem and saw the face of the Messiah. Elizabeth saw and heard her pregnant cousin and recognized the face of the Lord. Even John the Baptist in his mother's womb turned to Mary's voice and leaped for joy. May we see the face of God in God's word, in the spirit of the season, and in the people we know and love.

What do I need to do in order to discern Jesus' presence in someone I've just met? In a friend? In some I disagree with?

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



St. Augustine......Saturday, 5:00 pmSunday, 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 <u>Weekday Masses</u>: 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

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	Mass Schedule					
		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.				
	Dec 22 Su	Dec 22 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families				
	Dec 22 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish					
	Dec 23 Mo Readin	15				
	 Dec 24 Tuesday 5:00 pm +Charles 'Sonny' Metoyer, +Sylvester Sers, +Catherine Sers, & +Pervis Balthazar 8:00 pm St. Anne 10:30 pm +Mary Ida Below, +Victorr Metoyer, Sr., +Victor Metoyer, Jr., +Clotilde Metoyer, +Henry Earl Metoyer and Norma Lee Honore Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Dec 25 Wednesday 9:00 am Priest Intention 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 Thursday 8:00 am +Fr. Paul Deutsch Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;; Ps 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17; Mt 10:17-22 Dec 27 Friday 8:00 am +Fr. Hermann Josef Lampartg Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Dec 28 Saturday 5:00 pm Ronald Adolph Prudhomme and Arthur Metoyer Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18 					
	Dec 29 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families					
	Dec 29 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish					
Week's Offering: December 15, 2024						
St. AugustineSt. AnneWeekly\$ 3,655.00Retirement Fund\$ 25.00Online 12/9-12/15\$ 600.00St. Anne \$75.00Thank you for your generosity!						
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	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		
	Sat Dec 28 5:00 pm	Doretta O'Brien	Donald Balthazar Mike Bordelon	Bridget Metoyer	ing Advent in 2024, we pray that Jesus trans-	

Jacob Bellow

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enly Father, season, ally are in ace. War ו our world. the daily lions in difs. This year, s ever, we is, Prince of our world hearts. Durin 2024, we lesus transforms our world as we await His coming again.



Sun Dec 29

10:30 am

Rebecca Jones

On-Line Giving

Wilson Coutee

Jackie Delphin

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 We wish everyone a beautiful and blessed Christmas!



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

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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2024

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

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

December 29 Rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year Pope Francis proclaims 2025 Jubilee papal bull: 'Hope does not disappoint' In accordance Bishop Marshall is inviting everyone to the Rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year Dec. 29 at 10:15 a.m., St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria for the Diocese of Alexandria. The event begins at the Hotel Bentley lobby area where we will gather for Bishop Robert Marshall's blessing of the Cross and reading of the Papal Bull. We will process from there to the Cathedral to continue the rite followed by Mass. We encourage everyone; adults and youth to attend the opening ceremony and to participate in the Diocese pilgrimages beginning on January 6. We hope to see you there!

March 7-9SAVE 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 dcnilavergne@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 dcnilavergne@diocesealex.org