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**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**  
St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm  
.....Sunday, 10:30 am  
St. Anne:.....Sunday, 8:30 am

\*Holy Day's of Obligations & All Special Celebrations  
will be at 6:00 pm

**Weekday Masses:**  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 6:00 pm

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 4, 2022**

My Beloved People,

As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, Holy Mother Church exhorts us to grow in Joyful Expectation. Unfortunately, Joy doesn't come about magically. You can't simply flick the light switch and have Joy running throughout your home. Joy is a fruit. It comes about as a result of doing the good. I am not too good at cleaning. Recently I cleaned out a closet in the rectory and afterwards I had a bit of pep in my step. That's Joy! You all do good things each day, but sometimes we don't allow Joy to take root in us because we fail to recognize the goodness of our actions. Yes, Catholicism demands that we acknowledge our faults and sins. But when examining our conscience, we should also be aware of the good actions (sacrifices) that we made throughout the day so that we remain Resurrectional People!

In Conclusion, two things: Corresponding to others is crucial. We are one Body in Christ. For your spiritual homework, I encourage you to write 7 letters/cards to each other. Letters take time. It takes time to Love. Make time to Love. Secondly, be aware of activities that bring you no joy. Just like many of you, I can get caught up in fruitless activities. This week I wasted an entire afternoon playing a redundant video game on my computer. Although games are not sinful, it isolated me from my duties, responsibilities, and others... and it left me with no Joy! The Lord is coming, let us prepare ourselves to go out to meet Him!

In Service to Christ and His Church, Fr. Charlie

## Mass Schedule

Dec 03 Saturday 5:00 pm	Charles Henry & Lisa Christophe, Benedict LaCour, Jr., Linda Douglass, Arthur Flick
Dec 04 Sunday 8:30 am	For An Increase in Vocations
Dec 04 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Dec 05 Monday	No Mass
<b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 5:17-26	
Dec 06 Tuesday 6:00 pm	Brenda Joyce LaCour
<b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mat 18:12-14	
Dec 07 Wednesday 4:00 pm	(Vigil for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) 6:00 pm Stella LaCour
<b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mat 11:28-30	
Dec 08 Thursday 8:00 am	Linda Douglass 6:00 pm Conversion of Hearts
<b>Readings:</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	
Dec 09 Friday 8:00 am	Kathryn Meric 6:00 pm Conversion of Hearts
<b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 48:17-16; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mat 11:16-19	
Dec 10 Saturday 9:00 am	Mass
5:00 pm	Ernest Pichon, Ernie Pichon, Charles Henry & Lisa Christophe, Benedict LaCour, Jr., Cynthia Lacour Nathaniel (Sister of Vanue Lacour), Isanor & Eugene LaCour and Betty Coutee
<b>Readings:</b> Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mat 17:9a, 10-13	
Dec 11 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Dec 11 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:		Nov 20 & 27, 2022
		St. Augustine St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 8,740.00	\$1,023.00
Building	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CCHD	\$ 664.00	\$ 93.00
Online 11/14 - 11/27	\$ 1,697.00	Building \$10.00

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## Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Saturday Dec 10 5:00 pm</b>	Ted Duggan	Donald Balthazar Clyde Roque	Volunteers
<b>Sunday Dec 11 10:30 am</b>	Sr Elizabeth Ann Holmes	Henry Rachal Chris Sylvia	Volunteers

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## This Week at a Glance

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Wed, Dec 7 Vigil**  
4 pm St. Anne &  
6 pm St. Augustine  
AA Meeting Wed, 7:00 pm

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
Thurs, 8 am Mass  
6 pm - St. Augustine  
6:40 pm Lesson #2

**Fri 8 am & 6 pm Mass**  
6:40 pm Lesson #3

**Saturday 9 am Mass**  
5 pm Vigil Mass  
6:30 pm Advent Taize Service:  
Prayer /concert

**Sunday, Men's Prayer Group,**  
9:30 am

Interested in becoming Catholic, RCIA program will be starting soon.  
Please contact the office Wednesday thru Friday from 8 am - 1 pm @ 318.379-2521 or email @ [staugustine1803@gmail.com](mailto:staugustine1803@gmail.com)

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

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Schedule**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 7, Vigil Masses: 4 pm St. Anne & 6 pm St. Augustine**  
**Thursday, Dec. 8, Masses: 8 am & 6 pm**

## Please pray for our Sick and Shut-In:

Andrew Balthazar, Karen Pichon, Wilma Pichon, Joe Raggio, Sylvester Sers, Margaret Velasquez, Claudine M Metoyer, Hanna Powell, Steven Hines, Ron Jones, Christopher Metoyer, Jeannie Llorence, Maxine Christophe, Patricia Rachal, Ashley & Nicole Llorens, Ted Duggan, Sr., Allison Hillary, William Antee, Sister Sylvia Conant, Michael Thomas, Cuc Lam, Rose Mary Addison, Nick Jackson, Walter Delphin, Dee Hawthorne, Gerald LaCaze, Martha Jones, Jerry Jones, Dowl Bruce Dupree, Jr., David Christophe Sr., Darren Gallion, Diane Riley, Molly Rachal, Glenn Conant, Brian Conant, Jim Llorens, Clifton Rachal, Kurt Gulbrand, Betty Metoyer-Roque, Christener Metoyer, Loreen Stephens, Anna Harper, Vegas Jimmerson and Barry Antee.

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December 4: Canonicity of the Bible  
December 11: The 'Secret' to Catholicism

## Sunday Bible School

8am till 8:25  
Bring your Bible

## Catholic Charities Sock and Blanket Drive now through December 15

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana is having a Sock and Blanket drive now through Dec. 15. The items collected will be distributed to the Homeless Coalition of Cenla, the VA Hospital and Avoyelles Manor Nursing Home. Items can be dropped off at The Diocese of Alexandria, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please note the building is closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Week Collection: Retired Fund for Religious.** Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

## December 17 - Mens' Advent Day of Reflection 10-2 pm

## December 18 - St. Augustine Catholic Church Children's Christmas Program, 4 pm

**Carols on the Cane** - Saturday, December 17, Melrose on the Cane, 3533 HWY 119, Melrose, LA (In case of rain this event will be cancelled.)

- \* 7:00 pm - Evening Mass with Celebrant: Rev. Charles Ray
- \* 7:30 pm - Caroling featuring St. Augustine Catholic Church Choir & Northwestern State University Quartet