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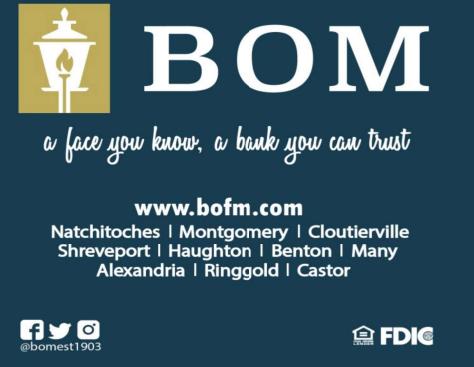
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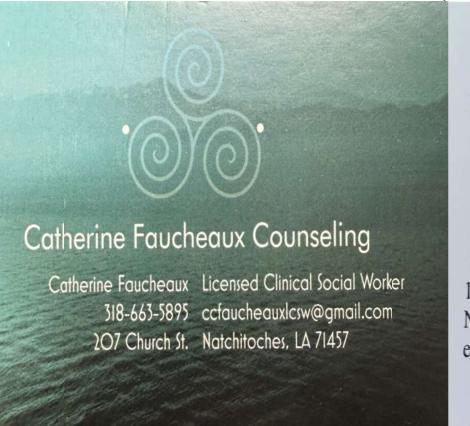
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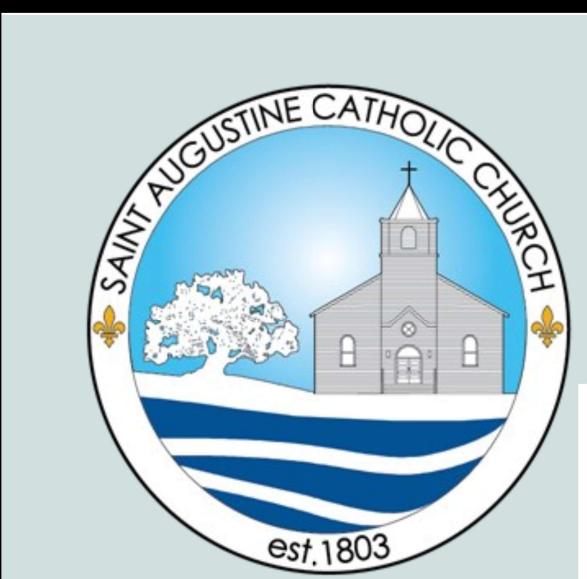


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Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 2025

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**2nd Sunday
of Advent**
The Candle of Peace

*The second candle is the
Candle of Peace. It symbolizes
preparation for Christ's arrival
and the peace He brings to
our broken world.*

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" So proclaimed John the Baptist as he prepared the world for the coming of the Messiah. We may not be preparing for Jesus Christ's arrival in the flesh or plunging into the Jordan River, but John's words apply just as much today as they did then. We must recognize and repent of our sins in order to be prepared for the Lord's arrival in our lives in any way. And the with God and our neighbor. May we hear John's words as if they were directed to us here and now.

Each Sunday of Advent this year, the first reading is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah and the Gospel is from Matthew. Matthew's Gospel consistently portrays Jesus and his mission as a fulfillment of the promise God made to the Chosen People. Therefore, Matthew strives to connect the dots between Isaiah, the paramount prophet of the Hebrew scriptures, and Jesus Christ. Today we hear Isaiah and John the Baptist describe in terms poetic and practical the coming of God's chosen one. May their words strengthen our anticipation of and preparation for the Lord's coming.

How can my family live together more harmoniously? What can I do to help make this happen?

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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

Mass Schedule

Dec 06 Saturday 5:00 pm	+Andrew Balthazar, +Gretta R. Burns, +Eugene & Elizabeth Metoyer, +Eula Balthazar, +Todd Roque, and +Armand Sylvie
Dec 07 Sunday 8:15 am	Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar
Dec 07 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Dec 08 Monday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm St. Augustine 4pm – St. Anne	
Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	
Dec 09 Tuesday 6:00 pm	+Anthony L. Rachal
Readings: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14	
Dec 10 Wednesday 6:00 pm	+Ladys Curry Rachal
Readings: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30	
Dec 11 Thursday 8:00 am	+Todd Roque, +Gretta R. Burns & +Anniversary of Molly Begnaud
Readings: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15	
Dec 12 Friday 8:00 am	No Mass
Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or RV 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	
Dec 13 Saturday 5:00 pm	+Andrew Balthazar, +Joe Raggio, +Enolia Narcisse, +Annie Dell Severin, +Vickie & Colie Raggio, +Chad Jones and +Regis E. Rachal
Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	
Dec 14 Sunday 8:15 am	Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar
Dec 14 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

November 30, 2025

Weekly	St. Augustine	St. Anne
	\$2,357.25	\$ 298.00

Online 11/24-11/30 \$780.00 St. Anne \$50.00 Building \$130.00

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Dec 06 5:00 pm	Dianne Riely	Mike Bordelon John Coutee	Lireda Balthazar
Sun Dec 07 10:30 am	Rebecca Jones	Barry Antee Jacob Bellow	Tina Antee – Cup Ted Duggan – Cup Minnie Metoyer
Sat Dec 13 5:00 pm	Sylvia Rachal	Donald Balthazar Kenneth Metoyer	Lireda Balthazar
Sun Dec 14 10:30 am	Marissa Dean	Lynwood Delphin John Scott	Tiffany Roque – Cup Mary Wilmore – Cup Henry Rachal

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

December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Is a Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Times: St. Augustine 8 am & 6 pm and St. Anne 4 pm



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

December 9 – Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6:45 pm in Spirituality Center

December 11 The Light is On for You: Advent Day of Reconciliation

Will be held at St. Augustine 6:30-7:30 p.m. to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

December 14 Retirement Fund for Religious

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. This collection will be taken up the week of Dec. 14. Please consider giving.

December 18

Confraternity of Christian Mothers Advent Reflections/Christmas Gathering will be Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the hall. There will be a ten dollar gift exchange, Bingo, and festive cuisine. Please mark your calendar and join us for an evening of fellowship.

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.