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Weekday Masses: 1st Saturday 9:00 am
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**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024**

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2nd Sunday of Advent

"Make straight his paths," we hear John the Baptist proclaim today. How do we do so? John's primary message throughout the whole region answers that question: We must repent of our sins. Our sins are obstacles that block the path of the Lord, that make it more difficult for him to enter our hearts. True repentance allows for God's forgiveness to clear those obstacles, to make our heart straight the our heart. Who better than John the Baptist to guide us during this season of preparation? Today we travel through-claiming a baptism and recalling Isaiah. Ba-which we hear in the first reading, echoes Isaiah as well. All three trumpet God's mercy and forgiveness as they envision the coming of the Lord. Let us heed their call. What do I need to repent of in order to cross the main chasm that separates me from God?



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Mass Schedule

- Dec 07 Saturday 5:00 pm +Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, +Sr. Sylvia Conant, +Fr. Paul Deutsch, and +Angela Sarpy & Family
- Dec 08 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families
- Dec 08 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish 4 pm Mass—St Anne
- Dec 09 Monday 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 10 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Lula 'Toot' LaCour
Readings: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Dec 11 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Chad Jones
Readings: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Dec 12 Thursday 8:00 am +Anniversary of Ernie Pichon, Hillery Narcisse and Carol Narcisse Brisco
Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18b-19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Dec 13 Friday 8:00 am +3rd Women's ACTS Team
Readings: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
- 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
Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Dec 15 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families
- Dec 15 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	December 1, 2024	
	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 3,281.00	\$ 601.00
Building Fund	\$ 343.00	\$ 56.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 625.00	\$ 196.00
Flower Fund	\$ 395.00	\$ 30.00
Online 11/25-12/1	\$ 845.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$75.00

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Dec 07 5:00 pm	Dianne Riley	John Coutee Clyde Roque	David McGraw
Sun Dec 08 10:30 am	John Scott	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	Jackie Delphin Wilson Coutee
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

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

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation
December 8, 2024, 4 pm - Vigil - St. Anne
December 9, 2024, 6 pm - St. Augustine



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 14 At 9am the **Christian Mothers** will meet with Deacon Chad Thibodeaux for reflections on the Advent season. Lunch will be served. We will also have a small gift exchange. All are welcome.

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

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