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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

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**Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025**

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When forty days had passed since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to consecrate as was required by the Law. While the elderly Simeon baby, whom they recognized as Messiah and Savior. Exulted here today, may we too encounter Christ in this place of worship, recognizing him in the breaking of the bread.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
February 2nd

It's not every day that we get to hear from three different prophets, let Malachi, it's anticipatory: he foresees the day when the LORD will come to the temple to purify the people of the covenant. In the case of Simeon and Anna, they recognize the Messiah in the temple though he is not even six weeks old. Moved by the Spirit, Simeon testifies that in the baby he sees salvation. Like the prophets, we hope that one day we too will see our Savior.

How do I see myself as Simeon or Anna, encountering Christ in my place of worship?

Mass Schedule

Feb 01 Saturday 5:00 pm +Clotilde Metoyer, +Victor Metoyer, Sr., +Victor Metoyer, Jr., +Henry Earl Metoyer, +Norma Lee Honore, and +Joseph 'Joe' Raggio

Feb 02 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families and Shed & Patrice Goffe

Feb 02 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Feb 03 Monday No Mass
Readings: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Feb 04 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Joseph Edward Conant
Readings: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Feb 05 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Lynn Mitchell
Readings: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Feb 06 Thursday 8:00 am +Chad Jones
Readings: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Feb 07 Friday 8:00 am +Yvonne Jones
Readings: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c; Mk 6:14-29

Feb 08 Saturday 5:00 pm +Meredith Smith, +Bridgette Roque, +Mary Llorence, +Lula LaCour, and The Oscar Brossett Family
Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Feb 09 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families and Shed & Patrice Goffe

Feb 09 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering: January 26, 2025

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 3,223.00	\$ 253.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 602.00	\$ 99.00
Online 1/20-1/26	\$803.75	St. Anne \$75.00 Building \$5.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Feb 01 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	David McGraw Kenneth Metoyer	Ted Duggan
Sun Feb 02 10:30 am	Chad Nelson	Barry Antee Patrick Jones II	Tina Antee Rebecca Jones
Sat Feb 08 5:00 pm	Dianne Riley	Farrell Christophe James Conant	Lireda Balthazar
Sun Feb 09 10:30 am	Mary Jones	Darrell Roque John Scott	Minnie Metoyer Tiffany Roque

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,

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

2024 Contributions Statements for Taxes are available. Please contact the office. Thanks

St. Augustine Catholic Church
Friday, February 14 Healing Mass @ 10 am followed by Mardi Gras Celebration
In Parish Hall which includes food, bingo, music, etc. from 11:30 am—1:30 pm



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.

Pope Francis has decreed that the Jubilee Year 2025: "The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site. Bishop Robert Marshall has designated the sites in the Pilgrim's Passport as sacred for such a pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year 2025. St. Augustine Catholic Church is one of the designed sites where you can pick up your passport beginning January 9, 2025. For more information, please visit <https://www.diocesealex.org/jubilee-year-2025/> **Bishop Marshall will be here to celebrate the 10:30 am Mass on February 23**

February 10 Bishop Marshall has initiated a pastoral planning program called "Together as One Church: Embracing a Future of Hope." He invites everyone to participate in this program to assist in determining the future to our local churches. There will be two (2) parish sessions during which important information will be shared and feedback from you, the parishioners, will be gathered. It is to examine the current structure of our church. Everyone is encouraged to attend and give your feedback on the strengths and challenges of our church and mission. There are two separate sessions and you are invited to attend both, as different information is provided at each. The first parish session is scheduled for February 10 at 6:00 pm in the church hall. We will announce the date of the second parish session later. You can go to diocesealex.org to listen to the message from Bishop Marshall about this program. If you have any questions, contact our Parish Point of Contact, Gail Jones @ 318.652.4203 or email gailmjones54@gmail.com

March 3 Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana will be hosting their first fundraiser of 2025 at **MaryHill Renewal Center** on Lundi Gras, March 3! We invite you to join us for a night of Mardi Gras fun with Bishop Marshall and the clergy of our Diocese as we raise funds for the good work of this organization. There will be a delicious meal, a silent auction, and of course fun with our wait staff! Two sponsorship levels available as well as individual tickets. Purchases can be made either online at cccenla.org or by check payable to Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana and mailed to 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA 71303. For more information, please contact Heidi Wampler at hwampler@cccenla.org or call (318) 445-2401, extension 510. Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you on March 3, 2025!

March 7-9 4th Annual Fullness of Truth Conference

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". Equip yourselves with the expertise of renown convert scripture scholar & prolific author, Dr. John Bergsma, the dynamic Louisiana-native & veteran Catholic apologist Dr. Karlo Broussard, the spunky Catholic convert "evangelista" & author Sonja Corbitt, and the hilarious comedian & evangelist Paul J. Kim. Sacred music will be provided by NOLA-based & Hallow App's The Vigil Project and a special youth track as well. Our Conference will be your guide to what the "New Evangelization" is, and to the next chapter in the National Eucharistic Revival; a new Pentecost! Don't miss it!

To register, room reservations, see the event schedule or to learn more details, visit our website: www.fullnessoftruth.org or call: 877-218-7884 / 877-21-TRUTH.