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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  
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**Second Sunday in Lent  
 February 25, 2024**

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Only Abraham's tremendous trust in God's plan made him willing to sacrifice, his own son. It couldn't possibly have made sense. He must have asked himself how he could have descendants as numerous as the stars if his only son is dead. But he trusted in God and God transfigured as occasion of human sacrifice to one of animal sacrifice. Significantly, each time God calls Abraham in this passage, he answers at once, "Here I am!" This response in Hebrew is a single word: *hineni*. It is used again by Moses, by Samuel, and by Isaiah, when each of them is called by God, and is used even now in Jewish prayers. May we have such trust in God that we too respond, "*hineni*," when we hear God's voice, allowing our lives to be transfigured.

Whenever Jesus chooses a handful of disciples to accompany him at a particularly special time, he selects Peter, James, and John. Today he takes these three up a mountain to see him transfigured in glory and hear his Father's affirmation. Much later, after the Last Supper, he will take these three to the garden of Gethsemane with him. There he will be "transfigured" in agony as he pleads with his Father to spare him. On that occasion, his closest friends—the only ones to witness him in his glory—will fall asleep, causing them to miss Jesus' final hours before he is arrested. What they couldn't have known then but what we know now is that Jesus will give all the disciples, including these three, the opportunity to see him in his true glory, his risen glory, after his resurrection. This is how we all know his glory now.

Though we do not witness Christ's glory in as dramatic a way as Peter, James, and John do, we witness his risen glory in other ways, and most especially as we gather in this holy place. After all, Jesus told us that when two or more are gathered in his name, he is with them in their midst. May we exclaim as Peter does, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!"

How do I think God would want my life to be transfigured this Lent? Am I willing to say "*hineni*" to accept that change to my life?



*Mass Schedule*

Feb 24 Saturday 5:00 pm +Pat Picon, +Ruby Rachal LaCour, +Marjorie Sylvia, +Yvonne Jones, and +Carrie Metoyer

Feb 25 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin, +Agnes C. Mitcham, +John A. Nicholas, +Larry E. Bayonne, and +Sammie Longloie

Feb 25 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Feb 26 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Feb 27 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Elizabeth C. Metoyer  
**Readings:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,23; Mt 23:1-12

Feb 28 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Charles 'Sonny' Metoyer and Kimberly Delphin-Martin  
**Readings:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Feb 29 Thursday 8:00 am +Susan Dogens  
**Readings:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Mar 01 Friday 8:00 am +Todd Roque **6:00 pm Stations of the Cross**  
**Readings:** Gn; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Mar 02 Saturday 5:00 pm +Celestine Hardison, +Grace Monette, +Isanor Metoyer, +Catherine C. Roque, +Joan Edwards, +Joan Kreider, and +Joe Raggio  
**Readings:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Mar 03 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin, +Agnes C. Mitcham and +Larry E. Bayonne

Mar 03 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	February 18, 2024	
	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 4,476.00	\$ 384.50
Building Fund	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 555.00	\$ 101.50
CCCE	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00
Online 2/12-2/18	\$ 1,165.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**This Week at a Glance**

Tues 6 pm  
 Wed 6 pm Mass - St. Aug  
 Thurs Mass 8 am  
 Fri 8 am Mass  
 6 pm Stations of the Cross

*Parish Service Schedule:*

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Feb 24 5:00 pm	Dorretta O'Brien	Donald Balthazar David McGraw	Bridget Metoyer
Sun Feb 25 10:30 am	John Scott	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	Tina Antee
Sat Mar 2 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Donald Balthazar Clyde Roque	Ted Duggan
Sun Mar 3 10:30 am	Chad Nelson	Glenn Sers Norah Sers	Minnie Metoyer John Scott

**St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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

**Lifeshare Blood Drive, February 25, 11:30 am—2 pm, St. Augustine Parking Lot**

**St Anne's Fish Fry, March 1 & 15, 2024, 5—8 pm**

**Men of the Parish Work Day, 1st Saturday, March 2 following 9 am Mass**

**Christian Mothers will be making meat pies for the Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday, March 9th at 8 am in the hall. Your help would be appreciated.**



**PARISH CARE MINISTRY** - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, Andrew Balthazar, Carroll Poche, Donald Gallion, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, Lizzie Metoyer, Vanue Lacour, Sister Stephanie Langston and Theresa Roque.  
 To add others to the list, contact Dcn. Mark @ 409.656.4651 or anyone in the ministry group (Henry Rachal, Catherine Rachal, Dianne Moran, Sylvia Lacour, Deloris Jones, Roosevelt Washington, Pat Jones, Angela Jones, PJ Jones, Dominick Metoyer, Joy McGraw and Tiffany Roque).

**Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.** For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

**March 7-10 Silent Lenten Retreat**

"Reflections" Silent Lenten Retreat will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center the weekend of March 7-10. Busyness is the hallmark of today's society. The external noise and pressure in our lives make it difficult to know how God is calling us to follow Him. In a retreat surrounded by the quiet of nature, you will be encouraged to listen in prayer to the voice of God speaking to your heart. Come for a weekend of silent reflection and prayer. Each retreatant is provided a private room and an individual Spiritual Director who will guide the weekend reflections using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Your retreat will be tailored for you. Space is limited. For more information or to register, contact one of the directors listed below.  
 Maria Burke 318-240-4553 [mburke4553@gmail.com](mailto:mburke4553@gmail.com)  
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**March 22-24 Seminary Come and See Weekend**

St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College is scheduled to have its Spring "Come and See" weekend from March 22-24. This is a great opportunity for any male 16 years old or older to come and see the seminary campus and what seminary life is like. For more information, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Luke LaFleur at [frllafleur@diocesealex.org](mailto:frllafleur@diocesealex.org).

**April 26-28 Women's Silent Retreat**

**SAVE THE DATE!** "Seeking Grace" Women's Silent Ignation Retreat will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center from April 26-28. Author, speaker, spiritual director and retreat facilitator, Becky Eldridge, will guide this women's preached retreat. Deadline to register is April 19. Cost is \$225 per person. \$100 deposit in the form of a check is required. To register, visit [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org).