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 St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm  
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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 January 14, 2024**

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Sometimes God's voice comes out of the clouds loud and clear, as when Jesus is baptized. But when God calls one of us, it is often soft and unclear, as it is in today's first reading. Only after twice mistaking God's voice for his guardian Eli's does Samuel respond to the Lord, and only then because Eli realized what must be happening. Much later, Elijah has a similar experience when he hears God's voice in a tiny whispering sound. There was no fanfare when Jesus called for Andrew and his friend to come and follow. We should not wait till we are thrown to the ground like Paul or hear a thunderous voice from the clouds like Moses. God often calls in faint and subtle ways.

Andrew clearly was enthralled with the Lord, for he stayed all day with him and recognized him as the Messiah. He could have stayed the night and chosen not to share Jesus' attention with anyone else. But he didn't. Late that afternoon he sought out his brother, told him that they had found the Messiah and brought him to Jesus. The invitation we receive is meant to be shared.

Disagreements happen: differences of opinion or seemingly irreconcilable conflicts, and two people or two groups stop speaking to each other. Years go by and they end up forgetting how it came to this. Centuries go by and we wonder how we ever became separated. When Jesus called out, “Come, and you will see”, he did not lead his disciples to different places following different paths. During this upcoming week of prayer for Christian unity, we would be wise to keep in mind that Jesus calls each of us to follow him and work to find a unified response to that call.

What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?

*Mass Schedule*

Jan 13 Saturday 5:00 pm +Todd Roque, +Isabel & Joseph Delphin, Sr., +Shirley Orndorf, +Bridgette Roque, +Mary Llorence, +Susan Dogens and +Larry S. Balthazar

Jan 14 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin & +Cayer & Armstrong Families (Living & Deceased)

Jan 14 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Jan 15 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Jan 16 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Msgn Michael O'Brien, OSA  
**Readings:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Jan 17 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Todd Roque  
**Readings:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Jan 18 Thursday 8:00 am +Agnes C. Mitcham  
**Readings:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-14; Mk 3:7-12

Jan 19 Friday 8:00 am +Justin Picou, +Anna Kate Schwing and Josh Picou & Family  
**Readings:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Jan 20 Saturday 5:00 pm +Armstrong & Roland Families (Living & Deceased), +Michael Ray Velasquez, Jr. and +Grace Monette  
**Readings:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Jan 21 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin & +Agnes C. Mitaham

Jan 21 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	January 7, 2024	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly Building	\$ 4,201.00	\$ 541.00	\$ 669.00
Mary	\$ 31.00		\$ 83.00
Online 1/1—1/7	\$ 910.75	Building \$5.00	St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**This Week at a Glance**

Tues 6 pm  
 Wed 6 pm Mass followed by CCD  
 (AA Meeting Wed, 7:00 pm at St. Anne's)  
 Thurs Mass 8 am  
 Fri 8 am Mass

*Parish Service Schedule:*

	LECTORS	USHERS	MO Holy Eucharist
Sat Jan 13 5:00 pm	Catherine Rachal	Mike Bordelon Kenneth Metoyer	TBA
Sun Jan 14 10:30 am	Peggy Braxton	Norah Sers John Scott	TBA
Sat Jan 20 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Clyde Roque Farrell Christophe	TBA
Sun Jan 21 10:30 am	Carey Blanchard	Jacob Bellow Patrick Jones	TBA

**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**

**February 10, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshop, 9 am Minor Basilica, Natchitoches. To register, contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318.445.6424 ext 207**



**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).

**Memorial Mass for Augustin Metoyer: January 27 @ 5 pm followed by a covered dish supper with updates on the progress of the Badin Roque House. If you plan to attend, please bring your favorite covered dish.**

**2024 Collection Envelopes are located in the annex. Please pick them up. If you would like to register with us, please contact the office. Thanks!**

**The Church Today:** This weekend we will be taking up a special collection for our diocesan newspaper -- the Church Today. Every month, this 20-page newspaper is mailed FREE to every Catholic household in the diocese. All donations to this special collection go directly to the Church Today to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Church Today FREE each month, call 318- 445-6424, ext 209 to request it.

**January 22 National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the

**PRAYER FOR HEALTHY MARRIAGES**

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Holy Family, Help us treasure the gift of marriage that reflects the love of Christ for the Church, Where the self-giving love of husband and wife unites them more perfectly and Cooperates in your plan for new life created in your image.

Help us support men and women in their vocation of marriage, Especially in difficult times when they join their sufferings to the Cross.

Help us uphold the institution of marriage in our society as the place Love is nurtured and family life begins.

Help us acknowledge that our future depends on this love and on your Providential care for us. Amen