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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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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2025**

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*The 2nd Sunday of
Ordinary Time*

In today's first reading, Isaiah celebrates a transformed Jerusalem; what has been forsaken and desolate is now delightful and—foreshadowing the Gospel—espoused. Paul tells the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit transforms each and everyone of them, though in different ways.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus' first miracle, changing the water to wine at a wedding banquet and saving the newlyweds from terrible embarrassment. John calls his miracles signs, for they reveal Jesus' divinity to everyone who witnesses the event. Here, John immediately points out that his disciples respond with faith. As this was Jesus' first sign, this is when they begin to believe. All these centuries later, may listening to Jesus' wondrous deeds yet again strengthen our faith. May we never overlook God's power to transform our lives.

Name one spiritual gift that I can identify in myself. How can I use that gift in service of the Lord?

Mass Schedule

Jan 18 Saturday 5:00 pm Sr. Sylvia Conant, Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, +Berchman & Verre LaCour, +Rod Nelson, +Earl Metoyer, Sr., +Brenda LaCour and +Alvin 'Gabby' Severin

Jan 19 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families and Shed & Patrice Goffe

Jan 19 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Jan 20 Monday 6:00 pm Conversion of Heart
Readings: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Jan 21 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Carolyn Jackson
Readings: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Jan 22 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Lula LaCour & Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Readings: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Jan 23 Thursday 8:00 am The Sick, Homeless, and Those suffering from Addiction
Readings: Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Jan 24 Friday 8:00 am Roderick Ray
Readings: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Jan 25 Saturday 5:00 pm +Sidney Pichon, Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, +Berchman LaCour, Jr. and +William Antee, Jr.
Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Mk 16:15-18

Jan 26 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families and Shed & Patrice Goffe

Jan 26 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	January 12, 2025	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 4,413.42		\$ 1,446.00
The Church Today	\$ 606.00		\$ 116.00
Online 1/6-1/12	\$710.75	St. Anne \$75.00	Building \$5.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Jan 18 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Mike Bordelon Kenneth Metoyer	Catherine Rachal
Sun Jan 19 10:30 am	Jerry Jones	Jacob Bellow Lynwood Delphin	Tiffany Roque Minnie Metoyer
Sat Jan 25 5:00 pm	Anita Evans	Farrell Christophe David McGraw	Mary Wilmore
Sun Jan 26 10:30 am	Marissa Deen	Ricky LaCour Norah Sers	Henry Rachal John Scott

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

Pre-Lenten Parish Mission - January 25-28, 2025 by Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OCM-Cap
Jan. 25 Mass 9 am; 10 am—12 pm Mothers/Ladies Retreat followed by lunch
Jan 26 - 10:30 am Mass; Jan 27 & 28, 6 pm Parish Pre-Lenten Mission Mass

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



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/>

Please prayerful consider signing up NOW!

Starting the weekend of January 18 & 19 we will have a Traveling Vocations Chalice Box. We ask Families to sign up to take the Traveling Vocation Box home and pray for an increase for vocations in our diocese and particularly within our churches. Each Sunday it will be presented to a different family.

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

Though the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children so great prayer and advocacy is still very needed. 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 human person committed through acts of abortion."

• January 24 Natchitoches March for Life

St. Mary's Catholic School, The Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church and the Women's Resource Center will host the fourth annual Natchitoches March for Life on Friday, January 24. Various local speakers will offer their perspectives on what it means to be a pro-life advocate. The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the riverbank stage in Natchitoches, with the march beginning at 1:00 p.m. through the downtown historic district. More detailed information will be announced as plans are finalized. Please contact Jessica Spear (St. Mary's Religion Teacher, jspear@smstigers.org) or Lisa Guillet (Director of Development, fundraiser@smstigers.org) for more information.

January 26 The Church in Latin America. Next week our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!