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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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The entire book of Jonah consists of only four chapters, and the chapter we hear today must be the only one Jonah would be proud of. You see, this is the second time the Lord called Jonah on this mission. In the first chapter, Jonah responds immediately to God's call...by jumping on the first ship sailing in the opposite direction! During a brutal storm, the sailors throw him overboard, fearing that he brought on God's wrath. In chapter two, Jonah is swallowed by a great fish, leading him to pray in desperation. Given a second chance in the passage we hear, he obeys at once. But in the final chapter Jonah is miffed. Nineveh was the enemy! Jonah hoped that he might see at least some of God's promised wrath. But God teaches him that repentance, not punishment, was always the goal, for God's mercy trumps God's anger. Jonah may have failed to do right at first, and his heart was still divided when he did right, but he saved thousands of people from destruction because in the end he followed God's call.

God promises us new life after repentance and conversion. Jonah found it after three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish. The people of Nineveh found it after they turned to fasting and sackcloth. Simon, Andrew, James, and John found it after dropping their nets and following Jesus. Now it is our turn to trust that repenting and following the Lord will be rewarded.

Note that Jesus did not tell the pairs of brothers that they had to study him for a good long time and pass a test before they could go out and fish for more disciples. No, he told them straightaway that all they had to do was follow and he would make them fishers of others. We need not be nervous about first becoming qualified enough to reach out to others. As long as we sincerely follow him, we can invite others to follow as well.

How do I go about inviting others to journey to the kingdom with me?

Mass Schedule

Jan 20 Saturday 5:00 pm +Armstrong & Roland Families (Living & Deceased), +Michael Ray Velasquez, Jr. and +Grace Monette

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

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

Jan 22 Monday No Mass
Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Jan 23 Tuesday 6:00 pm +JoAnn Rachal
Readings: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Jan 24 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Charles 'Sonny' Metoyer
Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Jan 25 Thursday 8:00 am +Justin Picou, Josh Picou & Family, Vicky Villemarette, +Raymond Delphin and +Mary Christophe
Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

Jan 26 Friday 8:00 am +Anniversary of Ronald Roque
Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

Jan 27 Saturday 5:00 pm +Agnes C. Mitcham, +Sidney Pichon, +Michael 'Mickey' Moran, +Clarence Ravard, +Audrey Ravard,+William Antee, Jr., +Marguerite Roque and +Edna Gallion
Readings: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Jan 28 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

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Week's Offering: January 14, 2024

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 5,279.00	\$ 290.00
The Church Today	\$ 782.00	\$ 112.00
Online 1/8—1/17	\$ 785.75	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 20 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Clyde Roque Farrell Christophe	TBA
Sun Jan 21 10:30 am	Carey Blanchard	Jacob Bellow Patrick Jones	TBA
Sat Jan 27 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	James Conant Mike Bordelon	TBA
Sun Jan 28 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	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.

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

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).



Fr. Bill wishes to thank everyone for your prayers, gifts, food and generosity during the Christmas season. May God bless each and everyone.

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.



2023 Contribution Statements (Tax statements) are ready. The way we record your contributions are with the box envelopes or on-line giving. Please contact the office for your statement. Thank you for your generosity!

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 human person committed through acts of abortion."

January 28 Church in Latin America:

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Fullness of Truth Conference

• February 23-25

This Lent, on February 23-25, 2024 at the **Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria**, during our great national Catholic Eucharistic Revival, Fullness of Truth-LA and the Diocese of Alexandria invite you to their exciting Catholic Family Event entitled, "Real Presence, Real Power!: Eucharistic Life and the 'Science of Sainthood'". Featured speakers include "Science of Sainthood" founder Matthew Leonard; Louisiana native Dr. Brant Pitre; Augustine Institute theologian Dr. Michael Barber; "Spirit World" radio co-host Debbie Georgianni; and Louisiana "Mom" blogger Erin Franco. A Youth Track will be offered, as well as Concert/Sacred Music by Josh Blakesley. Our Lord said that this topic is the "one thing" necessary for one simple reason – it's how YOU get to heaven! Don't Miss It! To register, for room reservations, and schedule visit www.fullnessoftruth.org or call: (877) 218-7884.