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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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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2025**

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The concept of a jubilee year had its origin in the ancient Near East. According to Leviticus, every fifty years debts would be forgiven, servants would be released, stored to its original would lie fallow. to read in his gogue, he finds the speaks of the jubilee then and there in with us when we is fulfilled here and now as well. As we are now celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, may we find in Jesus the hope that this jubilee year may be fulfilled in our hearing.

When Jesus is invited hometown's synagogue, he finds the passage in Isaiah that the jubilee year, then an-passage is fulfilled him. Since Jesus is gather in his name, it property would be re-nal owner, and fields When Jesus is invited hometown's syn-passage in Isaiah that lee year, then an-passage is fulfilled him. Since Jesus is gather in his name, it

On this Sunday of the Word of God we hear scripture passages that affirm its paramount importance. In the first reading, Ezra reads from the Torah to the people of Jerusalem, gathered openly in public for one of the first times after their exile. In the Gospel, Jesus declares that the scripture passage from Isaiah is fulfilled in their presence. God's Word is celebrated and accomplished in these readings; may it be today as well.

How do I apply the word of God in my life? Can I commit to spending time each day this week reading from the Bible?

Mass Schedule

Jan 25 Saturday 5:00 pm +Sidney Pichon, Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, +Berchman LaCour, Jr., +William Antee, Jr., +Ronald Roque, +Rosalie Jones and +Joseph Jones

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

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

Jan 27 Monday No Mass
Readings: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Jan 28 Tuesday 6:00 pm The Sick, Homeless, and Those suffering from Addiction
Readings: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11; Mk 3:31-35

Jan 29 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Lula LaCour
Readings: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Jan 30 Thursday 8:00 am Chad Jones
Readings: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Jan 31 Friday 8:00 am +Stephen Lester Bellow, Sr.
Readings: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Feb 01 Saturday 5:00 pm +Clotilde Metoyer, +Victor Metoyer, Sr., +Victor Metoyer, Jr., +Henry Earl Metoyer, +Norma Lee Honore, and +Joseph 'Joe' Raggio
Readings: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 16:15-18

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

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

Week's Offering:	January 19, 2025	
	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 3,671.00	\$ 399.00
The Church Today	\$ 2000	
Online 1/13-1/19	\$1,005.75	St. Anne \$75.00 Building \$105.00
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Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
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
Sat Feb 01 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	David McGraw Kenneth Metoyer	Ted Duggan
Sun Feb 2 10:30 am	Chad Nelson	Barry Antee Patrick Jones II	Tina Antee Rebecca Jones

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/> **Bishop Marshall will be here to celebrate the 10:30 am Mass on February 23**

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 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!

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 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

February 14 Healing Mass @ 10 am followed by games and lunch for Senior0

Dance Dazzle, 7510 HWY 1 By-Pass, Natchitoches, Owner, Linda Hammett teaches ballroom dancing, the waltz and tap on Wednesday's at 6 pm. For more info call 318.228.1901.

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!