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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

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass—Saturday 4 pm  
1st Friday, Holy Hour after Mass  
For an Emergency Call: 318.581.1612

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 7, 2024**

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Each Sunday the Holy Spirit draws us here to hear God's word, to receive Christ in the Eucharist, and to worship the Lord. We pray that our faith is strengthened by this time we spend in prayer. When Jesus preached in his hometown, he was amazed at the lack of faith of his neighbors. They came to the synagogue to pray but let questioning how this unassuming neighbor would teach with such authority. May we look beyond surface impressions to find nourishment for our faith.

Ezekiel recounts his calling in today's first reading, relating that God told him bluntly that a prophet's audience is obstinate and rebellious.

Paul tells of hardships of his own but insists that they provide opportunities for Christ's power to strengthen him. The people of Nazareth take offense at Jesus, unwilling to accept that this local carpenter could teach them about God. May faith in God is essential to the healing grace we receive.

How do I react when someone criticizes or challenges me? Do I dismiss their words at once? How can I prayerfully consider their criticism or advice?

*Mass Schedule*

July 06 Saturday 5:00 pm +Anita Ray, +Martin Rachal, Jr., +Todd Roque, +Bridget Roque, +Mary Llorence, +Yvonne Jones, +Joe Raggio, +Elsie J. Christophe, +Sylvester Sers, +Jerry Hlozek, +Diane Hudon, +John Condi, +Ida Nell Beaudion and +Charles Moody, Jr.

July 07 Sunday 8:15 am +JoAnn Rachal

July 07 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

July 08 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

July 09 Tuesday 6:00 pm No Mass  
**Readings:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

July 10 Wednesday 6:00 pm No Mass  
**Readings:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

July 11 Thursday 8:00 am No Mass  
**Readings:** Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

July 12 Friday 8:00 am No Mass  
**Readings:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

July 13 Saturday 5:00 pm +Joe Raggio, +M/M Lawrence Meziere, +Todd Roque, +Marie L. Roque, +John & Eva Gallien, +Nolan Jones, Sr., +Sylvester Sers, +Joseph Navarra, +Leonard & Eddie Marie Metoyer  
**Readings:** Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

July 14 Sunday 8:15 am +Cayer & Armstrong Families (Living & Deceased)

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

**Week's Offering:**

**June 30, 2024**

	<b>St. Augustine</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
Weekly & Easter	\$ 2,837.00	\$ 771.00
Building Fund	\$ 517.00	\$148.00
Online 6/24-6/30	\$ 1,573.25	Building \$80.00 St. Anne \$75.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**This Week at a Glance**

St. Augustine Weekday Masses

No Weekday Masses

*Parish Service Schedule:*

	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
<b>Sat July 06 5:00 pm</b>	Bridget Metoyer	Mike Bordelon James Conant	David McGraw
<b>Sun July 07 10:30 am</b>	Peggy Braxton	Glenn Sers Norah Sers	Tina Antee
<b>Sat July 13 5:00 pm</b>	Ted Duggan	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	Lireda Balthazar
<b>Sun July 14 10:30 am</b>	Jennifer Colbert	Patrick Jones II John Scott	Carey Blanchard

**Prayer during this Summer**

**Great God, you dress the world in summertime and paint the sky with stars. You write your story on our lives and guide the ways of all.**

**Give us a wider sense of wonder, that we may unwrap the world like a gift, always thanking you for your goodness and living in love with our neighbors, in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

**St. Augustine Catholic Church Vacation Bible School**

**July 8-12, 8am—12 noon**

**Registration Forms or on the table at the entrance of the Church.**

**Fee: \$20**



**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, Fr. William Gearheard, and Theresa Roque.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA) 2024**

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$20,828.00	\$19,715.00	\$16,560.80
\$ 2,234.00	\$ 1,558.00	\$ 1,558.00

**Please prayerful consider making a donation to the ADA appeal.**

**The Christian Mothers have Meat Pies to sell, \$40.00 a dozen. Please contact Gail Jones at 318.652.4203 if you are interested.**

The week of July 14 our parish will take up a collection to support the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit. [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa)

**July 18-20 Summer Retreat for Youth, Natchitoches**

**The Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church** will offer a Summer Retreat for Youth July 18 - 20 at the Catholic Daughters Hall, 130 Trudeau Street. This 3-day retreat is for students 6th - 9th grades and includes learning about faith through testimonials, art, faith sharing, videos and skits. There will be time for Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mery and Confession. The retreat will conclude at 4:00 Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 20th with families invited to attend. Food and snacks will be provided and there is no charge for the retreat. Registration forms are attached and can be returned to the Church office, gift shop or via email to Lisa Guillet ([development@smstigers.org](mailto:development@smstigers.org)).

**VIRTUS Training** sessions are: **Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.**, St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., ALEXANDRIA To register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

**July 21-27 National Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week** The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week! For further information, visit [www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning](http://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning).

**October 25-27 ECHO Married Couples Retreat**

ECHO Community is hosting a married couples retreat at Maryhill on October 25-27. Married couples will come together to dive into St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, all the while growing in their own relationships and in authentic community with other couples. The retreat will offer dynamic talks, life giving discussions, quality time with your spouse, encounters with Christ through the sacraments, art, music, silent prayer, and so much more! For more information click the link below: <https://www.echoretreats.com/marriage.html>