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St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm  
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Tuesday and Wednesday 6:00 pm  
Thursday and Friday 8:00 am

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass—Saturday 4 pm  
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**The Ascension of the Lord  
June 1, 2025**

On this special day, we celebrate twin milestones: Jesus’ ascension from earth to heaven and the commissioning of the disciples. Before Jesus left them, he told his disciples to preach in his name to all the nations, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Then his apostles saw him lifted up and out of their sight, never to return in end of time. As carry on the mis-apostles, trusting will guide us and witnesses to the and forgiveness.



Besides his also wrote the tles. Today we ing of one and other, for Jesus’ ascension marks the transition between the two. As Luke writes, the Gospel deals with what Jesus said and did while on earth and Acts begin with Jesus giving his disciples a mission. As we carry on this mission, let us realize how Jesus is still present with us today: in each other, in those in need, when we gather in his name, in the Eucharist, and in the proclamation of the word. Listening to his word now, let us be aware of his constant and enduring presence.

How have I borne witness to Jesus Christ? How will I bear witness between now and Pentecost?

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### Mass Schedule

May 31 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Todd Roque & +Doc Couty  
May 31 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar  
June 1 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish  
June 2 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3b, 4, 5ac, 6-7b; Jn 16:29—33  
June 3 Tuesday 6:00 pm Ronald Prudhomme  
**Readings:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
June 4 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Todd Roque & +Rod Nelson  
**Readings:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:2-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19  
June 5 Thursday 8:00 am +Andrew Balthazar  
**Readings:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
June 6 Friday 8:00 am +Cecilia Balthazar  
**Readings:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19  
June 7 Saturday 9:00 am +Lizzie Mae Metoyer  
5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Bridgette Roque, +Mary Llorence, +Yvonne Jones, +Nazy LaCour, and +Lizzie Mae Metoyer  
**Readings:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5,7; Jn 21:20-25  
Jun 08 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar  
Jun 08 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

**Week's Offering: May 25, 2025**

	<b>St. Augustine</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
Weekly	\$ 3,992.00	\$ 446.00
Online 5/19-5/25	\$740.00	St. Anne \$75.00 Building \$5.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat May 31 5:00 pm	Anita Evans	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	Lireda Balthazar
Sun June 1 10:30 am	Marissa Dean	Lynwood Delphin Norah Sers	Tiffany Roque John Scott
Sat June 7 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	Mike Bordelon Clyde Roque	David McGraw
Sun June 8 10:30 am	Jennifer Colbert	Mike DeBlieux Patrick Jones II	Rebecca Jones Catherine Rachal



### 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.

### 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,

**Men's Prayer Group meets every Sunday @ 9:30 am**

**Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ 6:00 pm**

**Festival Meeting, Wednesday, June 11, 2025 immediately following 6 pm Mass**

**Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-11, 2025.**

**Fee: \$20 per child, ages 4—11 years old**

**Registration forms on the table on the entrance of the church.**

**Volunteers are needed. Please contact Deloris Jones @ 318.471.4168 or Frances Sarpy @ 318.652.4124. If you would like to sponsor or donate to VBS, please contact Fr. Bill. Thanks!**



**PARISH CARE MINISTRY** - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, Carroll Poche, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, Sister Stephanie Langston, Fr. William Gearheard, Theresa Roque, Hillery Peter Narcisse, Anna Marie Christophe, Maxie Christophe, Marty Vienne, Janet Jones, Samuel Christophe, Sr., Leland & Gussie LaCaze, Mona Beaudion and Joyce Conant.

**Christian Mothers have meat pies for sale \$40 per dozen. Contact: Gail Jones 318 652-4203 or Anita Evans 318 652-1642.**

This weekend our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. **Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Alexandria to fund local communications efforts.** The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

### What Is the Ascension?

The Ascension is described in Acts 1:9-11:

"He was lifted up before their eyes, and a cloud took Him from their sight... This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will return in the same way."

It is not simply about Jesus leaving. It is about Jesus being exalted, completing His earthly mission, and preparing the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is a celebration of victory, glory, and divine promise.

### Why Does It Matter?

#### The Ascension reminds us:

- ☐ Jesus is Lord of Heaven and Earth — He reigns with authority and power.
- ☐ He is interceding for us in heaven (Romans 8:34).
- ☐ We are called to be His witnesses in the world (Acts 1:8).
- ☐ He will return — and we must live in hope and readiness.

#### A Prayer for the Ascension

Lord Jesus, You ascended in glory, not to leave us behind, but to go before us and prepare a place for us. Fill our hearts with longing for heaven, courage for the mission, and joy in Your victory. Help us to be faithful witnesses of Your love until You come again in glory. Amen.

### Annual Diocesan Appeal

**Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal last weekend. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA there are pledge envelopes available in each pew. Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of the Diocese.**