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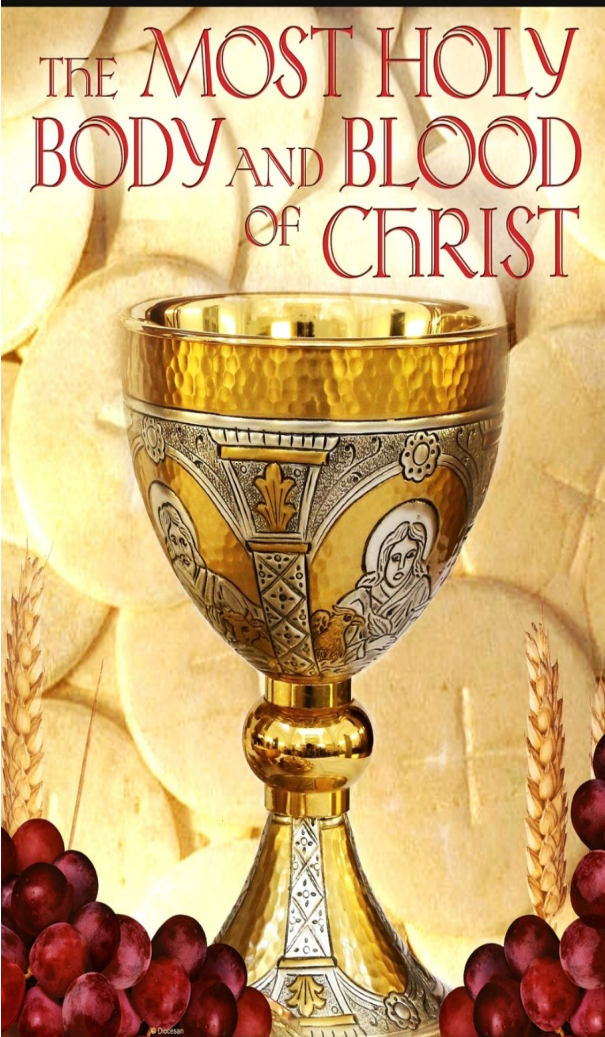
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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm
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Mission: St. Anne:.....Sunday, 8:15 am
3659 Old River Road, Natchitoches, LA 71457

*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

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 2, 2024**


**THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST**

Blood and sacrifice are bonded throughout today's readings. The author of Hebrews explains that Christ's sacrificial blood cleanses us of our sins. Jesus and the disciples came together that night to celebrate the Passover, that feast of passing over from captivity to freedom, from death to life, from condemnation to salvation. Christ, the new Passover, transformed the meal to lead them to a new freedom, freedom from the condemnation of sin; a new life, a life of the Resurrection; and a new salvation, the eternal salvation of the kingdom of God. Gathered today to celebrate that meal yet again, our faith informs us that Jesus is present, the eternal sacrifice, body broken and blood poured out, transforming us anew.

How does the Eucharist transform me? Thinking back to a time when it was not possible for me to receive the Eucharist, for instance during the pandemic, how did its absence affect me?

Mass Schedule

June 1 Saturday 5:00 pm +Anita Ray, +Joe Raggio, +Todd Roque, +Charles "Sonny" Metoyer, +Isabel Arceneaux, +Lula 'Toot' LaCour, +Sylvester Sers, +Anita Ray & +Martin Rachal, Jr.

June 2 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

June 2 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

June 3 Monday No Mass
Readings: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12

June 4 Tuesday 6:00 pm No Mass
Readings: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

June 5 Wednesday 6:00 pm No Mass
Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1-2; Mk 12:18-27

June 6 Thursday 8:00 am No Mass
Readings: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34

June 7 Friday 8:00 am No Mass
Readings: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; (Ps) Is 12:2-6, Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

June 8 Saturday 5:00 pm +Anita Ray, +Sylvester Sers, +Joe Raggio. Justin Picou & Family, Aubrey Picou, Preston Dullock, Rogers & Riley Families (Living & Deceased), + Todd Roque, +Yvonne Jones, +Joseph P. Delphin, Sr. and +Isabel Arceneaux
Readings: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22; Lk 2:41-51; Is 61:9-11

June 9 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

June 9 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering: May 26, 2024

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly & Easter	\$ 2,621.00	\$ 946.00
Latin America	\$ 10.00	\$ 0 00
Online 5/13-5/19	\$ 950.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week at a Glance
 St. Augustine Weekday Masses

No Weekday Masses

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat June 1 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	Donald Balthazar Clyde Roque	Ted Duggan Doretta O'Brien Catherine Rachal
Sun June 2 10:30 am	April Matt	Barry Antee Jacob Below	Rebecca Jones John Scott Mary Wilmore
Sat June 8	Dianne Riley	John Coutee David McGraw	Lireda Balthazar
Sun June 9	Mary Jones	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones II	Henry Rachal

What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

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.



Message from Fr. Bill:

I would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers and support. I am getting stronger each day. I have been made aware of all great things you are continuing to do in my absence. I am grateful that you are all working together to continue our ministry. Ultimately, Jesus is our shepherd and He is the one who we serve and follow. Keep the faith! Fr. Bill

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

Creole Festival Meeting, June 5 @ 6:45 pm in the Spirituality Center
 (All previous booth chairs and anyone wishing to chair a booth, please attend.)



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.

Fathers are just SUPERHEROES in Disguise
Father's Day Celebration—Sunday, June 16, 2024 @ 8:15 am
St. Augustine Catholic Church Hall
 Sponsorship by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Graham Descant, Diocese of Alexandria Seminarian has been assigned to St. Augustine/St. Anne effective May 31—August 1, 2024. Please welcome him!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA) 2024

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$20,828.00	\$18,386.00	\$15,175.85
\$ 2,234.00	\$ 1,458.00	\$ 1,333.00

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.

June 21-23 Steubenville South Youth Conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville South on June 21-23 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this weekend retreat. Learn more at www.steubenvillesouth.com or contact your youth minister for more information.

June 29 VIRTUS Volunteer Facilitator Training

We are in need of VIRTUS Awareness training facilitators. We will have a day of training on Saturday, June 29, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center in Alexandria. The training day is free of charge. We will provide all materials/binders, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. Volunteer Facilitators are asked for a minimum commitment of 2-3 years to the diocese and facilitate VIRTUS Training sessions 2-3 times per year, 3 hours per session, usually held on a weekday evening. Most sessions will be scheduled at church parishes and mileage is reimbursed. The Safe Environment program is important for our children and other vulnerable people. Please consider donating your time to this important ministry. For more information, please contact Kecia Coco at (318) 445-6424, ext. 213 or kcoco@diocesealex.org

St. Augustine Catholic Church Vacation Bible School will be July 8-12, 8am—12 noon
 More information will follow later.