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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

Like Advent. Lent is a season of preparation-in this case, for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and the glory of his resurrection. We prepare our souls through repentance and our bodies through fasting. We prepare our relationship with God through prayer and our relationship with others through almsgiving. In today's reading, in the midst of all our preparation, we are



given a preview of Christ's risen glory when he appears transfigured to Peter, John, and James. May the promise of a life transfigured encourage us as we continue to prepare for Easter glory.

Two dramatic scenes are narrated to us today. God seals the covenant with Abram by appearing as smoke and fire and passing between the animals Abram had sacrificed as a sign of his covenant with God. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured in glory, his face and clothing changing in appearance and dazzling the three apostles who witnessed it. Adding to the drama, God the Father speaks from the cloud that envelops them all, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Looking at my Lenten journey as an exodus from sin and worldly values, what specifically is holding me captive and preventing a truly new life in the risen Lord?

Mass Schedule

Mar 15 Saturday 5:00 pm +Ruth Conant, +Joseph Raggio, +Lula LaCour, The Oscar Brossett Family,

+James & +Blanche Sers, +Eva Gallion Rachal and Nazy LaCour

Mar 16 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families, & +Theresa Bayonne

Mar 16 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Mar 17 Monday No Mass

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Mar 18 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Joselyn Fontenot Lange

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Mar 19 Wednesday 6:00 pm Lydia Rachal and +Nolan Jones, Sr.

Readings: 2 Sm:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Mar 20 Thursday 8:00 am +Anniversary of Yvonne Jones

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Mar 21 Friday 8:00 am +Chad Jones

Thank you for your generosity!

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Mar 22 Saturday 5:00 pm +Anniversary of Wesley & Ora Lee Conant, The Oscar Brossett Family, and

+George and Sybil Lewis

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mar 23 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families and +Theresa Bayonne

Mar 23 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	March 9, 2025 St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly Black & Indian Missions Online 3/2-3/9 \$970.75	\$ 3,684.01 \$ 517.00 St. Anne \$75.00 Building \$5.00	\$ 275.00 \$ 80.00

Parish Service Schedule:

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	Sat Mar 15 5:00 pm	Catherine Rachal	John Coutee Clyde Roque	Lireda Balthazar	
	Sun Mar 16 10:30 am	Peggy Braxton	Keith Sarpy John Scott	Rebecca Jones Minnie Metoyer	
	Sat Mar 22 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Donald Balthazar Mike Bordelon	Mary Wilmore	
	Sun Mar 23 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	Jackie Delpin Tiffany Roque	

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 glo-

ry and praise for ever. Amen,



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

Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, March 20 @ 6 pm.

Christian Mothers meeting will be Thursday, March 27 at 6 pm

St. Anne Fish Fry on Friday, April 11 from 5 pm -8 pm Stations of the Cross at 6 pm on Fridays during Lent



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, Marty Vienne, Janet Jones, Samuel Christophe, Sr., Leland & Gussie LaCaze, Mona Beaudion and Joyce Conant.

High School Seniors interested in applying for the **St. Joseph Scholarship** must have their applications in by May 10th 2025. The \$1,000.00 scholarship is open to students attending four year institutions. Contact Chris Sylvia at 318.554.9237 or csylvie@att.net

St. Augustine Catholic Church Men's ACTS Group invites you to join us for a lifechanging weekend at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville, LA. It will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and fellowship beginning Thursday evening, May 1st, and concluding Sunday morning May 4th, 2025. For information about the retreat, please contact Dominick Metoyer @ 318-663-2169 or dmetoyer@hospiceofnatchitoches.com or Ricky LaCour @ 318-663-2125 or Jerry Jones Jr. @ 318-332-9869.

The week of March 30 we will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal **Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

April 3-6 Silent Lenten Retreat

This Lent, set aside time for a profound spiritual renewal. We invite you to experience the grace of silence and solitude at our Silent Lenten Retreat at **Maryhill Renewal Center** designed to deepen your relationship with Jesus. **Spend a weekend in:**

- Guided Prayer tailored for you by an individual Spiritual Director.
- Fast from the noise and distractions of your busy life by embracing the silence.
- Give of your time and self and reconnect to the heart of the Lord.

Let this be a time of spiritual growth as you journey towards Easter.

Space is limited. Open to anyone. To register or for more information contact: Charlotte Wasmer at 318 -730-1025 or Ingrid Cannella 318-792-3331

April 11-13 Seminary Come and See Weekend

St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College is scheduled to have its Spring Come and See weekend from April 11-13. This is a great opportunity for any male 16 years old or older to come and see the seminary campus and what seminary life is like. For more information, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Luke LaFleur at rrllafleur@diocesealex.org.

Good Friday (**April 18**) is obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.