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**Third Sunday in Lent** March 3, 2024

Pastor: Rev. William 'Bill' Gearheard Office Email: staugustine1803@gmail.com Office Phone Number: 318.379.2521

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Website: staugustinecaneriver.com Office Hours: Wed-Fri 8:00 am-1 pm Parish Manager: Elizabeth Metoyer

#### **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 1st Friday, Holy Hour after Mass For an Emergency Call: 318.581.1612

Of all the physical features for the landscape that could potentially hold water, a rock has got to be just about the least likely. A rock is dense, dry, and nearly impenetrable. Even if it were possible to crush a rock, there would be nothing with any moisture inside. Yet God directs Moses to a rock and from it flows enough water for the entire camp. The psalmist speaks of dense substances as well when speaking metaphorically about our hearts. We may recall a time we saw someone respond as if they had a stony heart; perhaps others have seen that in us at some time. Let us pray that when we hear the Lord's voice-and it could be at any time-we soften our hearts and allow the living water that can penetrate the stoniest of hearts to flow through us and out of us to satisfy all those whom we meet.

There are many reasons why the woman at the well may have been visiting it alone. Certainly, not any folks would voluntarily choose to draw water in the middle of the day when the temperature is elevated. Perhaps she was shunned because of her many marriages. Perhaps she was pitied because each of her husbands left her widowed and poor. Whatever the case, she came alone and isolated, but after leaving Jesus she immediately interacted with the people of the town. Whether they'd shunned her or pitied her or just left her alone, she now reconciled with them, for now they listened to her and followed her to the Christ. Jesus healed her relationship with her neighbors.

Jesus challenges us to follow his lead and break down the barriers to acceptance and relationships. He approaches and strikes up a conversation with an unmarried Samaritan woman-both of them would have considered the other heretical and unclean-and softens her reluctance to accept him. When we isolate ourselves from another person, whether due to race, class, gender, or any other such category, we refuse in a significant way our solidarity with all God's children. May Jesus' actions inspire our own.

How can I share the water that brings me life with someone else? With whom can I break through a barrier to satisfy their thirst?

Mass Schedule

Mar 02 Saturday 9:00 am 1st Saturday Mass

5:00 pm +Celestine Hardison, +Grace Monette, +Isanor Metoyer, +Catherine C.

Roque, +Joan Edwards, +Joan Kreider, +Norah Sers, Sr. and +Joe Raggio

Mar 03 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin, +Agnes C. Mitcham, +Larry E. Bayonne

Mar 03 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Mar 04 Monday No Mass

**Readings:** 2nd Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30

Mar 05 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Grace Antee

**Readings:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Mar 06 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Todd Roque, +Chad Jones, +Edgar 'Dooky' Chase, +Jacqueline Mattfelt,

and +Grace Coutee

**Readings:** Dn 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:1719

Mar 07 Thursday 8:00 am +Vicky Villemarette **Readings:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Mar 08 Friday 8:00 am +Lena Rachal 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Readings:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mt 12:28-34

Mar 09 Saturday 5:00 pm +Catherine C. Roque, +Special Intention, +Joe Raggio, Kimberly Delphin-

Martin, +Benedict LaCour and +Laura Ann Meziere and +Agnes Mitcham

**Readings:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

Mar 10 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin, +Agnes C. Mitcham and +Larry E. Bayonne

Mar 10 Sunday 10:30 am

The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	February 25, 2024 St. Augustine		St. Anne		
Weekly	\$	3,200.75		\$	421.00
The Church Today	\$	10.00		\$	0.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	0.00		\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	573.00		\$	60.00
Online 2/19-2/25	\$	970.75	Building \$5.00	St. An	ne \$50.00

# This Week at a Glance

Tues 6 pm
Wed 6 pm Mass - St. Aug
Thurs Mass 8 am
Fri 8 am Mass
6 pm Stations of the Cross

# Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	
Sat Mar 02 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Donald Balthazar Clyde Roque	Ted Duggan	
Sun Mar 03 10:30 am	Chad Nelson	Glenn Sers Norah Sers	Minnie Metoyer	
Sat Mar 9 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	Mike Bordelon Kenneth Metoyer	Lireda Balthazar	
Sun Mar 10 10:30 am	Sister Liz	Henry Rachal Chris Sylvia	Jackie Delphin Patrick Jones	

## St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### **On-Line Giving**





# Men's Prayer Group meets every Sunday @ 9:30 am St Anne's Fish Fry, March 15, 2024, 5—8 pm

## Thanks to everyone that came and helped for the parish work day!

Christian Mothers will be making meat pies for the Melrose Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday, March 9th at 8 am in the hall. Your help would be appreciated.

Dedication of St. Augustine Spirituality Center (Old Convent), March 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm Everyone is invited, please join us!

March 16, at 9:30 am - Important Meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors in St. Augustine Catholic Church

March 19, Feast of St. Joseph Potluck Pot Luck Supper immediately following Mass



**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 and Theresa Roque.

To add others to the list, contact Dcn. Mark @ 409.656.4651 or anyone in the ministry group (Henry Rachal, Catherine Rachal, Dianne Moran, Sylvia Lacour, Deloris Jones, Roosevelt Washington, Pat Jones, Angela Jones, PJ Jones, Dominick Metoyer, Joy McGraw and Tiffany Roque).

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.

March 9-10 Catholic Relief Services. Next week, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.

# March 22-24 Seminary Come and See Weekend

St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College is scheduled to have its Spring "Come and See" weekend from March 22-24. 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 frllafleur@diocesealex.org.

#### April 26-28 Women's Silent Retreat

**SAVE THE DATE!** "Seeking Grace" Women's Silent Ignation Retreat will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center from April 26-28. Author, speaker, spiritual director and retreat facilitator, Becky Eldridge, will guide this women's preached retreat. Deadline to register is April 19. Cost is \$225 per person. \$100 deposit in the form of a check is required. To register, visit <a href="https://www.diocesealex.org">www.diocesealex.org</a>.

### May 10, 2024 Scholarship Deadline

High School Seniors interested in applying for the **St. Joseph Scholarship** must have their applications in by **May 10, 2024**. The \$1000.00 scholarship is open to students attending four year institutions. Contact Chris Sylvia at 318.554.9237 or <a href="mailto:csylvie@att.net">csylvie@att.net</a>.