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## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

We all have our blind spots, occasions when we fail to exercise our better judgment, perhaps because of an unconscious bias or maybe because of something that happened well in the past. Along with our catechumens, we are called to scrutinize our attitudes, our biases, and our conscience, find and admit our blind spots, and seek to expose them to the light.

Today's readings center around sight. God sees differently than we see, as we hear in the first reading when God chooses David over his older brothers. In the Gospel, Jesus gives a man who had been blind from birth the ability to see, but others with normal vision remain willfully blind. Jesus reveals himself as the light of the world, enabling Paul to preach that we are light in the Lord Jesus. Let us pray that we live in that light—the light of Christ—who enables us to truly see. May that light heal our blindnesses, and may we look to him to enlighten our lives as he enlightens the world.

Have others ever told me, whether in anger or with kindness, that I just can't see something clearly? Am I aware of my blind spots?

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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 <u>Weekday Masses</u>: 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



#### Mass Schedule

Apr 06 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Apr 06 Sunday 8:15 am	Culpepper & Schelette Families
	Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53
Apr 05 Saturday 9:00 am 5:00 pm	1st Saturday Mass +Earl Metoyer, Jr., Lizzie Mae Metoyer and Nazy LaCour
	22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
	Stations of the Cross
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Apr 03 Thursday 8:00 am <b>Readings:</b> Ex 32:7-14; Ps	
Readings: Is 49:8-15; Ps	145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Apr 02 Wednesday 6:00 pm	+Chad Jones.
	Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Apr 01 Tuesday 6:00 pm	
	No Mass s 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a; Jn 4:43-54
Mar 30 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Mar 30 Sunday 8:15 am	Culpepper & Schelette Families, & +Theresa Bayonne
Mar 29 Saturday 5:00 pm	+Lula LaCour, +Fr. Johann Prey, +Donald Metoyer, +Rosaline +Hercelle LaCour and +Wilkerson Couty
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	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Minis- ters of the Eucharist
Sat Mar 29 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	David McGraw
Sun Mar 30 10:30 am	Jennifer Colbert	Barry Antee Patrick Jones II	Catherine Rachal Henry Rachal
Sat Apr 5 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	Mike Bordelon James Conant	Doretta O'Brien
Sun Apr 6 10:30 am	Marissa Deen	John Scott Chris Sylvia	Tina Antee Minnie Metoyer

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

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



The Jubilee Prayer

you have given us in your son, Je-

hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken

in us the blessed hope for the com-

May your grace transform us into

tireless cultivators of the seed of

transform from within both humani-

sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the

powers of Evil vanquished, your

May the grace of the Jubilee rea-

waken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a

yearning for the treasures of heav-

en. May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeem-

er throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glo-

ry and praise for ever. Amen,

glory will shine eternally.

the Gospel. May those seeds

ty and the whole cosmos in the

Father in heaven, may the faith

sus Christ, our brother, and the

flame of charity enkindled in our

ing of your Kingdom.

PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, 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.

A sincere "Thank You" to the Christian Mothers for hosting Bishop Marshall and providing a reception for our Confirmation students on March 20. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

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 life-changing 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 dmetover@hospiceofnatchitoches.com or Ricky LaCour @ 318-663-2125 or Jerry Jones Jr. @ 318-332-9869.

This weekend 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

Easter Flower envelopes are available on the table near the entrance of the church. Funds will be used to decorate the church for Easter. You may contribute in honor/memory of someone living or deceased. Your intentions will be remembered at all masses throughout the Easter season (Easter Vigil April 19 – Pentecost June 8).

April 18 Good Friday 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.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless your Church and guide your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves. Mold us in the image of your Son, to respond to your call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay servants of the Gospel. Embolden us all to grow in knowing you, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds, and souls to your enduring call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Triduum (Holy Week) Schedule**

Thursday Evening of the Lord's Supper, 6 pm with Adoration until 11 pm - St. Augustine Good Friday Services, 3 pm - St. Augustine Easter Vigil, 8:05 pm - St. Augustine Easter Sunday 8:15 am - St. Anne & 10:30 am St. Augustine

# Pastoral Meeting, Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 6 pm in the Spirituality Center