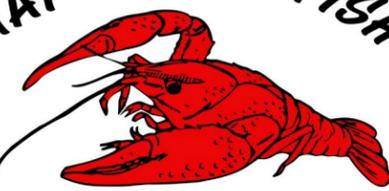


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**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025**

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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  
**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

How appropriate it is to celebrate Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday on the same day! Many of us are fortunate to have mothers who have cared for us, comforted us, and protected us, much as shepherds do for their flocks. A mothers' love is an example of the Good Shepherds love for each of us. Let us give thanks for all those who have mothered us and shepherded us throughout our lives.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we first hear Saints Paul and Barnabas shepherd both Jews and Gentiles who chose to join the early church, urging them to remain faithful to the grace of God. In the psalm, we proclaim that we too are sheep of the Lord's flock. In a vision, John see the Lamb of God shepherding a great multitude to springs of life-giving water. Finally, Jesus tells us in the Gospel that he gives all his sheep eternal life and no one can take that away. May listening to God's word increase our faith in our Good Shepherd.

How has my mother (or mother figure) been a good shepherd for me? Make sure to thank her today.



*Mass Schedule*

- May 10 Saturday 5:00 pm Cecilia Balthazar, Deceased Members of Byone Family, +Yvonne Jones, +Linda Jones Davis, +Florence Jones, +Annie Dell Severin, +Curtis Bordenave, +Rod Nelson, +Theresa Roque, +Andrew Balthazar, +JoAnn Rachal & +Mary Louise Dubriel
- May 11 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families, +Andrew Balthazar
- May 11 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish
- May 12 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
- May 13 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Rod Nelson  
**Readings:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- May 14 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Meredith Smith  
**Readings:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- May 15 Thursday 8:00 am +JoAnn Rachal  
**Readings:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- May 16 Friday 8:00 am +Gertrude Chelette  
**Readings:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
- May 17 Saturday 5:00 pm + Joseph D. Roque, +Joseph Raggio, +Todd Roque, +Ronald Prudhomme, +Donald Gallion and +Andrew Balthazar  
**Readings:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- May 18 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families, +Andrew Balthazar
- May 18 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

**Week's Offering: May 4, 2025**

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 4,566.00	\$ 449.00
Building Fund	\$ 380.00	\$ 67.00
Online 4/28-5/4	\$1,767.50	St. Anne \$75.00 Building \$75.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*Parish Service Schedule:*

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat May 10 5:00 pm	Anita Evans	Mike Bordelon Clyde Roque	Lireda Balthazar
Sun May 11 10:30 am	Sr. Elizabeth Ann Holmes	Barry Antee Jacob Bellow	Tina Antee Catherine Rachal
Sat May 17 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	James Conant David McGraw	Bridget Metoyer
Sun May 18 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	Rebecca Jones Minnie Metoyer



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**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**

**Parish Work Day, Sat. May 17, 7 am—Noon, contact Lynwood @ 318.228.5033 for more info.**

**Senior graduation Mass will be May 18, 2025 @ 10:30 am Mass. Please send in your name and bio to [staugustine1803@gmail.com](mailto:staugustine1803@gmail.com) or call Deloris Jones @ 318.471.4168. Thank you!**

**Finance Council Meeting, Thursday, May 22, 2025 @ 5:30 pm**

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

**Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-11, 2025. Fee: \$20 per child 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, 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](mailto:csylvie@att.net)

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