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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

Pastor: **Rev. William 'Bill' Gearheard**
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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
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Spring can be a delight for our senses. We see trees starting to bud, flowers poking their heads out of the ground, and grass turning a lovely shade of green. We hear migrating birds and feel the warm sun on our faces. God's words in Revelation seem especially apt: "Behold, I make all things new." Much as we can behold spring making all things new, when God raised Jesus, freeing our lives from sin and death, we too were made brand new. Let us give thanks to God for continually renewing our world and our lives.

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another. As his disciples now, we are commanded to do the same. May listening to God's word—of Paul and Barnabas making disciples all over Asia Minor, of John's vision of God dwelling with the human race, and of Jesus' words to his disciples—strengthen our spirits as we live out that command.

Who is entrusted to me in love? What have I done to reinforce and strengthen that bond between us?



LOVE ONE ANOTHER
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - C
JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

Mass Schedule

May 17 Saturday 5:00 pm + Joseph D. Roque, +Joseph Raggio, +Todd Roque, +Ronald Prudhomme, +Donald Gallion and +Andrew Balthazar

May 18 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

May 18 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

May 19 Monday No Mass
Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

May 20 Tuesday 6:00 pm Fr. William 'Bill' Gearheard
Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

May 21 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Todd Roque & +Rod Nelson
Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

May 22 Thursday 8:00 am +Anniversary of Cecilia Balthazar
Readings: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

May 23 Friday 8:00 am +Ronald Prudhomme
Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17

May 24 Saturday 5:00 pm + Curtis Bordenave and +Andrew Balthazar
Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-4; Jn 14:7-14

May 25 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

May 25 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:		May 11, 2025	
		St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly		\$ 5,011.00	\$ 602.00
Building Fund		\$ 106.00	\$ 2.00
Online 5/5-5/11	\$745.00	St. Anne \$75.00	

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat May 25 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	James Conant David McGraw	Bridget Metoyer
Sun May 26 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	Rebecca Jones Minnie Metoyer
Sat May 25 5:00 pm	Dianne Riley	Donald Balthazar John Coutee	Mary Wilmore
Sun May 26 10:30 am	Chad Nelson	John Scott Chris Sylvia	Jackie Delphin Tiffany Roque

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.



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

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, 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.

Christian Mothers have meat pies for sale \$40 per dozen. Contact: Gail Jones 318 652-4203 or Anita Evans 318 652-1642.

The week of June 1 our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. **Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Alexandria to fund local communications efforts.** The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Congratulations to our graduates! High School: Emma Blanchard, Dillion Braxton, Skylar Braxton, Ava Gill and Sydni Jones; and College: Victoria Waddell

* **May 18, 2025 @ 5 pm @ St. Augustine Church**
Recital of Piano Music featuring ERICK CABRERA (who plays for us weekly) with two of his Northwestern University classmates. Please make plans to attend!

• **May 25 Monsignor James Ferguson's 40th Anniversary Celebration**
Msgr. James Ferguson will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, May 25. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral with a reception to follow at Our Lady of Prompt Succor's Divine Providence Center, 530 21st Street, Alexandria. Everyone is invited but please RSVP to sfxcaltersociety@gmail.com

Annual Diocesan Appeal

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

Today is our parish's 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church.