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Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

In the days and weeks that followed the Resurrection, the risen Lord kept appearing to his disciples when and where they least expected: in a locked room in Jerusalem, on the road to Emmaus, on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. Each time, it took a while for them to recognize him. We often fail to recognize him as well, even though we know he continues to appear in our midst today. Whether in the person in need, in God's word, in the Eucharist, or in each other, let us be reminded that he continues to offer his presence to us every day.

In the first reading, Saint Peter courageously faces down the Sanhedrin when they try to forbid the disciples from preaching and teaching in Jesus' name. The Gospel reveals that Jesus himself gave Peter that courage by leading him to profess his love for him three times, as he had lacked that courage when denying Jesus three times. May we realize that Jesus constantly invites us to reconciliation as well, instilling in us the courage to spread the Good News.

When have I found the courage to speak out on behalf of what I believe?

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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



St. AugustineSaturday, 5:00 pmSunday, 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



Mass Schedule

| May 03 Saturday 5:00 pm | +Andrew Balthazar, +Nolan Jones, Sr., Nazy LaCour, Lizzie Mae Metoyer, + +Lawrence & +Frances Meziere, +Laura Meziere, & +Benedict LaCour, Jr. |
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| May 04 Sunday 8:15 am | Culpepper & Schelette Families, +Andrew Balthazar, +Sammie Longlois & +Theresa Bayonne |
| May 04 Sunday 10:30 am | The People of the Parish |
| May 05 Monday Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Ps | No Mass s 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 |
| May 06 Tuesday 6:00 pm Readings: Acts 7:51—8:1 | +Andrew Balthazar a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35 |
| May 07 Wednesday 6:00 pm Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps | |
| May 08 Thursday 8:00 am Readings: Acts 8:26-40; P | +Caline Moran & +William Gunter s 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51 |
| May 09Friday 8:00 am | Ronald Prudhomme |

Culpepper & Schelette Families, +Andrew Balthazar

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 6:52-59 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

Readings: Acts 9:31-41; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

May 11 Sunday 8:15 am

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| Sat May 3 5:00 pm | Doretta O'Brien | John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer | David McGraw | | |
| Sun May 4 10:30 am | ACTS | Keith Sarpy Glenn Sers | Henry Rachal John Scott | | |
| Sat May 10 5:00 pm | Anita Evans | Mike Bordelon Clyde Roque | Lireda Balthazar | | |
| Sun May 11 10:30 am | Sr. Elizabth Ann Holmes | Barry Antee Jacob Bellow | Tina Antee Catherine Rachal | | |

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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

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

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

OCIA participants please pick up your certificates at the entrance of the church. Thank vou!

Thank you to the **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** for providing supplies for our First Communion candidates and refreshments for the student/parent retreat on Saturday. April 26, 2025. Your continued support of our children is greatly appreciated.

October 20-29, 2025Pilgrimage to Rome

Join us for The **Shrines of Italy pilgrimage**. It begins with 3 nights in Rome where you will visit St. Peter's Basilica and three other major basilicas, the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and attend an audience with the Pope if he is in residence. Other spiritual highlights include a visit to Padre Pio's Shrine and St. Michael the Archangel's Cave; a visit to Lanciano to venerate the Eucharistic Miracle and to Loreto to see the House of the Holy Family; a visit to Manoppello to gaze upon the Miraculous Image of the Holy Face of Jesus (the Veronica) and to Assisi to prav at the Shrines of St. Francis and St. Clare. Throughout this pilgrimage you will experience the cuisine, art and culture that exemplifies "la Dolce Vita" which is Italy! Cost is \$5,995 per person and includes round trip airfare, 1 checked bag, hotel accommodations, two meals daily, all transportation to destinations, tour guide, entrance fees per itinerary, daily Mass. Contact Fr. Ramji Shoury at (318) 500-9116 or ramajishoury@gmail.com

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Issac. St. Paul reminds us that God himself "did not spare His Own Son." Jesus' death was God's greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life!

Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.



May 3 & 4, 2025 — St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Cloutierville, LA May Fair begins on Saturday at 4 pm. Please come out and join us for great food and family fun.