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**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023**

Today’s readings call us to keep vigil as we wait for the light, for the dawn, for the One who called himself the light of the world. What can help us as we wait in joyful anticipation? Wisdom, for starters, for it enlightens us. To find wisdom, per our first reading we must seek it. To recognize it, we must perceive it. And to perceive it, we must love it. With wisdom, we prepare for our vigil by bringing that which will reflect and intensify that light, like the five wise virgins who brought flasks of oil. For we know not when the Lord will come, nor do we know when and how we will see him in our midst. Therefore, we must always be prepared for the arrival of that new dawn, learning to perceive Christ in unexpected ways, ready to reflect his light upon everyone around us.

If only the bridegroom had come on time. If only he had not been running so very late. But unfortunately, he was unexpectedly “long delayed.” Consequently, the five foolish virgins ran out of oil for their lamps. We have all had experiences of waiting when we ended up having to wait longer, maybe much longer, that we anticipated. Instead of running out of oil, we likely ran out of patience. It would be wise, therefore, to pack some spare patience each day, so that we can be prepared for all those times when we need to wait.

Bible scholars have determined that Saint Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians is the oldest book in the New Testament, written but twenty years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. In the early days of the church, Christians believed that the end of the world could really come any minute. Therefore, doubt crept in among those who wondered why the second coming seemed to be “long delayed.” What would happen to those who waited, and waited, and waited, but died before Jesus returned? Paul assures them that those who have fallen asleep in the Lord will be raised as the Lord was raised. Replace grief with hope, Paul writes, for those who have died-and those who will die before the end of the world-will remain with the Lord.

Mass Schedule

Nov 11 Saturday 5:00 pm	+Wesley Conant, +Severin Family, +M/M Ed Byone, +Michael Ray Velasquez, Riley & Roger Families –Living & Deceased, Ryan Rickett, and +Denis James Velasquez
Nov 12 Sunday 8:15 am	+Amy Tobin
Nov 12 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Nov 13 Monday	No Mass Readings: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6
Nov 14 Tuesday 6:00 pm	+Mable Metoyer Readings: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Nov 15 Wednesday 6:00 pm	+Todd Roque Readings: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Nov 16 Thursday 8:00 am	+James Felton Moran Readings: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Nov 17 Friday 8:00 am	+Justin Picou, Joshua Picou & Family and Jake & Asa Wilmore Readings: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37
Nov 18 Saturday 5:00 pm	+Elizabeth & +Retta Metoyer, +Edna R. Roque, +James Lester & +Ethel Sarpy, +Deceased Members of the Raggio Family, Riley & Rogers Families (Living & Deceased), Ryan Rickett & Joseph Porche, Jr. Readings: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Nov 19 Sunday 8:15 am	+Amy Tobin and +Janie Longlois
Nov 19 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

November 5, 2023

	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 5,024.00	\$ 475.00
Building Fund	\$ 315.00	\$ 83.00
All Saints Day	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 9.00
All Souls (Combined)	\$ 845.00	
Online 10/23-11/5	\$ 848.25	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$50.00

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	MO Holy Eucharist
Sat Nov 11 5:00 pm	Jackie Metoyer	Farrell Christophe Vanue Lacour	
Sun Nov 12 10:30 am	Deloris Jones	Patrick Jones John Scott	
Sat Nov 18 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Keith Sarpy Clyde Roque	
Sun Nov 19 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Barry Antee Norah Sers	



On-Line Giving

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This Week at a Glance

Tues 6 pm Mass
Wed 6 pm Mass followed by CCD
(AA Meeting Wed, 7:00 pm at St. Anne's)
Thurs 8 am Mass
Fri 8 am Mass

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Amen.

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

If you are interested in becoming a Lector (St. Augustine and St. Anne), there is a sign up sheet at the entrance of the church. We need at least 10 people to register in order for the workshop will be conducted in the parish. Thank you!



PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for: Dee LaCour, Nick Jackson, Andrew Balthazar, Carroll Poche, Sylvester Sers, Donald Gallion, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, Lizzie Metoyer, Vanue Lacour 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).

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Manna House's annual Thanksgiving meal for the needy in our community is a way of not only feeding those who are hungry, but also to show kindness and support to those who are feeling the pain of poverty and misfortune. We are asking for your assistance to feed those in our community who might otherwise go hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Your gift will make a difference for those who need it most. To make a tax-deductible donation online – givetomannahouse.com Or by check mail to: Manna House, P.O. Box 6011, Alexandria, La. 71307 Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and will make a difference in the lives of so many in our community. Thank you for your generous support!

November 19 - Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Drawing on November 16 Raffle Fundraiser for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is having a Raffle Fundraiser. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana Programs (Mental Health, Basic Needs and Disaster Relief). Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. The raffle will be drawn on November 16, 2023. 1st prize – Handcrafted Farmhouse table with two benches; 2nd prize – Paragon Casino Overnight Package; 3rd prize – Gift Card Basket. Please contact Heidi Wampler to purchase raffle tickets. 445-2401 ext. 510 or hwampler@cccenla.org

November 18 - St. Anne Church Gumbo & Bingo Night—Raffles tickets are \$1 for chance at \$200;Gumbo will be served starting at 5 pm & Bingo begins at 6:30 pm