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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm
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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
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For an Emergency Call: 318.581.1612

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023

The woman in the first reading is called a worthy wife, and surely she is, as the author testifies that she brings her husband goodness her whole life. She also uses her talents and her skills to serve her family, as she procures material and works the loom and spindle to weave “with loving hands”. But that’s not all. She even uses her gifts to help those who are poor and needy. The writer then reveals that she fears the Lord. This is her secret. Her reverence for God has led to serve her husband and her family, the needy and—we find out in the last sentence –the whole city. Indeed, her value is far beyond pearls, for through her generosity she has touched multitudes.

When we share our talents, whether we realize it or not we are revealing God's presence and proclaiming God's generosity as strongly as if we were shouting it from the rooftops. Perhaps this is what Jesus is driving at in his parable: not that God wants us to double our money by investing wisely, but that God wants us to share our gifts, to use our talents, to build up the kingdom of God, to spread the Good News to every nook and cranny of our world. Notice his final words to the two servants he found worthy: “Come, share your master’s joy”. Sharing our God-given talents leads to sharing in God’s joy.

“There are no small parts, only small actors,” Russian director Konstantin Stanislavski famously said, insisting that even actors with seemingly insignificant roles put everything they have into the part. Both the servant who was given only two talents and the one who got but one seemed to have only bit roles on the day that the master gave our talents. But one made the most of his, making the most of what he was given. Trusted with a small amount, he can look forward to being entrusted with more and greater things. Already he is invited to share his master’s joy. Though given not even half as much as the first servant, he has also has been proven worthy as a good and faithful servant. So too, do we strive to be proven good and faithful. No matter how little we have been given, we are called to use it in service of something or someone greater than us.

Mass Schedule

Nov 18 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 19 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin and +Janie Longlois

Nov 19 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Nov 20 Monday No Mass
Readings: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Nov 21 Tuesday 6:00 pm Riley & Rogers Families (living & deceased)
Readings: 1 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Nov 22 Wednesday 6:00 pm Earl Metoyer, Jr.
Readings: Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, & 15; Lk 19:11-28

Nov 23 Thursday 8:00 am +James Felton Moran, Elizabeth C. Metoyer, Isabel & Joseph Delphin, Sr., In Thanksgiving for favors received (Fr. Paul Dietz) and Earl Metoyer, Sr.
Readings: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Nov 24 Friday 8:00 am No Mass
Readings: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48

Nov 25 Saturday 5:00 pm +Ann. Adolph Conant, +Ann. Glenn Conant, +Eugene & +Elizabeth Metoyer, +Justin Picou, Josh Picou & Family, +Todd Roque, +Ryan Rickett and +Phillip Brossett, Sr.
Readings: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Nov 26 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

Nov 26 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

November 12, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly \$ 3,467.35 \$ 529.00
Online 11/6-12 \$ 560.75 Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	MO Holy Eucharist
Sat Nov 18 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Keith Sarpy Clyde Roque	TBA
Sun Nov 19 10:30 am	Tina Antee	Barry Antee Norah Sers	TBA
Sat Nov 25 5:00 pm	Catherine Rachal	Mike Bordelon James Conant	TBA
Sun Nov 26 10:30 am	Minnie Metoyer	Chris Sylvia Patrick Jones II	TBA



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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

The church is in need of a Maintenance Team. If you would like to join the Maintenance Team for St. Augustine Catholic Church, please contact Lynwood Delphin @ 318.228.5033 for more information.



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, Sister Stephanie Langston 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).

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 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

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.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshops

The next workshops for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be held on the dates, times and locations below. The average time for the workshop is about three hours so please plan accordingly. The same information will be presented at each session. If you would like to sign up, please visit www.diocesealex.org or contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext 207 or by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

Date, time and location is: **Dec. 9, 9:00 a.m. – St. Augustine Church, Isle Brevelle**

Lector Formation Workshops

The Diocese of Alexandria will be offering Lector workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. If you have any questions, please email or call Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or 318-445-6424, ext. 207. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. Please sign up for the session that best fits your schedule at the Diocese website at www.diocesealex.org.

The next time and location is: **Dec. 9, 2023, 12:30 p.m. – St. Augustine Church, Isle Brevelle**