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For an Emergency Call: 318.581.1612

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023**

“Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?” ask Malachi at the end of the first reading. Indeed, we all have the same Father in heaven, as Jesus points out in the Gospel. We have all been created by God. This should give us some humility, for it means that none of us is created more in the image of God than anyone else. The person I see begging on a street corner or emaciated in a drought-stricken region of the world is created in the image of God, just like me. Therefore, all people deserve a basic dignity because they are created and loved by God. For the same reason, none of us should feel unworthy of that basic dignity because no one is created less in the image of God than anyone else.

When those in positions of authority treat themselves as superior to the people in the care, such as the leaders in Malachi’s diatribe, or burden the people in their care while doing nothing to help them, like the scribes and Pharisees in the Gospel, it poisons the atmosphere for everyone. The deadly sins of pride on the one hand and envy on the other are invited to fester. The sense of entitlement those in authority have can lead to abuse of those without power, and the feelings of powerlessness that the masses have can lead to violence against those in power. Jesus’ lesson for all of us is to realize that we are called to serve, not to be served: “The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts [themselves] will be humbled; but whoever humbles [themselves] will be exalted”. Be humble. Leave the business of exalting to God.

Saint Paul shows the right attitude: “We were gentle among you”. Paul and his small band of missionaries came as servants of the gospel, giving their very selves to serve the people they preached to, and working themselves so as not to burden the people of Thessalonica. By practicing what they preached, they preached much more powerfully than words alone could have done.

Mass Schedule

Nov 4 Saturday 5:00 pm +Bridgette Roque, +Mary Llorance, +Edna R. Gallien, +Todd Roque, +William Antee, Jr., Riley & Roger Families –Living & Deceased, Ryan Rickett, and +Joseph Porche Jr.

Nov 5 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

Nov 5 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Nov 6 Monday No Mass
Readings: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Nov 7 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Todd Roque
Readings: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1cde, 2-3; Lk 14:15-24

Nov 8 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Chad Jones
Readings: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 25-33

Nov 9 Thursday 8:00 am +James Felton Moran, +Justin Picou, Joshua Picou & Family, In Thanksgiving for 95th Birthday Willa Dean George and Charles H. Christophe
Readings: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Nov 10 Friday 8:00 am No Mass
Readings: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

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
Readings: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Nov 12 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

Nov 12 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

October 29, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly	\$ 4,322.00	\$ 390.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Online 10/16-10/22	\$ 975.75	Building \$80.00 St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	MO Holy Eucharist
Sat Nov 4 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Mike Bordelon Kenneth Metoyer	David McGraw Lireda Balthazar
Sun Nov 5 10:30 am	Jennifer Colbert	Jerry Campo Henry Rachal	Henry Rachal Minnie Metoyer
Sat Nov 11 5:00 pm	Jackie Metoyer	Farrell Christophe Vanue Lacour	
Sun Nov 12 10:30 am	Deloris Jones	Patrick Jones John Scott	



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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

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

Important

St. Anne Mass time will change to 8:15 am effective October 22, 2023

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 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).

November 4-5 St. John the Baptist Church Mini Fair, Cloutierville

Come join us Saturday, November 4 at our 4:00 PM Mass and Blessing of the Graves immediately following. Mini Fair starts after Mass on the grounds of the **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall, Cloutierville**. Enjoy gumbo, meat pies, tamales, hamburgers, The Sweet Shop, prize bingo, kids' games, and money and basket raffles. On Sunday, November 5 lunch will start being served at 11:00 AM. Menu includes fried turkey dinners with all the fixings, gumbo, meat pies, tamales, hamburgers, and The Sweet Shop. Prize bingo and kids' games start at 12:00 PM.

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 10-12 Silent Carmelite Retreat

The OCDS Carmelite Community of Alexandria is hosting a Silent Carmelite Retreat at Maryhill Renewal Center, northside. The theme is "The Face of God" with presenter Fr. Bill John Melancon, OCDS. Check in time is Friday, Nov. 10 at 3:00 p.m. Contact Mary Jo McCoy for more information (318) 346-6860 or (318) 481-9638.

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