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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

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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
1st Friday, Holy Hour after Mass
For an Emergency Call: 318.581.1612

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023

Cremation

The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed; nevertheless, the Church does not prohibit cremation unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. (Canon 1176.3)

While the Church continues to hold a preference for corporeal burial, cremation has become part of Catholic practice in the United States and the around the world.

The Church's reverence and care for the body grows out of reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God. This is the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the bread of life. This is the body whose hands clothed the poor and embraced the sorrowing. The human body is so inextricably associated with the human person that it is hard to think of a human person apart from his or her body.

In April 1997, the Holy See granted an indult for the United States to allow the diocesan bishop to permit the presence of the cremated remains of a body at a Funeral Mass. Later that year, they confirmed the special texts and ritual directives, which were then published as an appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals*.

However, the *Order of Christian Funerals'* Appendix on Cremation states: “Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (no. 413).

The growing interest in and desire for cremation continues to remain a question in the minds of many Catholics. Resources on this website are available to help better explain and deepen the Catholic understanding of cremation as an option for the final disposition of the body. Learn more at USCCB website: Bereavement and Funeral Rites

Mass Schedule

Sept 30 Saturday 5:00 pm Margie Sylvia, Annette Johnson, Jimmy Llorence and Agnes Monette

Oct 01 Sunday 8:30 am Amy Tobin

Oct 01 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish **VESPERS 4 pm**

Oct 02 Monday No Mass
Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Oct 03 Tuesday 6:00 pm Gregory Reed, Sr.
Readings: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

Oct 04 Wednesday 6:00 pm Joseph P. Delphin, Sr.
Readings: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Oct 05 Thursday 8:00 am James Felton Moran
Readings: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Oct 06 Friday 8:00 am Todd Roque, Charles H. Christopher and Lisa Christopher
Readings: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Oct 07 Saturday 9:00 am 1st Saturday Mass
5:00 pm Bridgette Roque, Mary Llorance, Lloyd David Rachal and Van LaCaze
Readings: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Oct 08 Sunday 8:30 am Amy Tobin

Oct 08 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

September 24, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly \$ 3,880.00 \$ 375.00
Online 9/18-9/24 \$ 745.75 Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$50.00
Retired Priests \$25

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Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat Sept. 30 5:00 pm	Jackie Metoyer	Mike Bordelon Kenneth Metoyer	Volunteers
Sun Oct 1 10:30 am	Jerry Jones	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	Volunteers
Sat Oct 7 5:00 pm	Jackie Metoyer	Mike Bordelon James Conant	Volunteers
Sun Oct 8 10:30 am	Mary Jones	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	Volunteers

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.



This Week at a Glance

Tues 6 pm Mass
Wed 6 pm Mass
(AA Meeting Wed, 7:00 pm at St. Anne's)
Thurs 8 am Mass
Pastoral Council Meeting -
Thurs 6 pm
Fri 8 am Mass
Sun 4 pm Vespers

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

St. Augustine Women's ACTS Retreat is November 9-12, 2023
Registration Forms are on the table at the entrance of the church.

Festival Meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Parishioners can pick up on-line orders for t-shirts on the Sunday, October 8 after Mass in the parish hall.



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).

All parishioners have a subscription to **FORMED** and **AMEN**. Please utilize these great programs! Call the office for more information.

Special Collection date: October 8 Next week we will take up a collection for **Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana**. Celebrating one year of services, Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over 500 individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. The Sunday, Oct. 8, second collection is for Catholic Charities; thank you for blessing them with the means to bring the corporal works of mercy to our communities. To learn more visit www.cccenla.org

October 11 Feast for Good!

Legendary Louisiana Chef John Folse is returning to celebrate St. Mary's Residential Training School at *Feast for Good*. Scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11, guests are invited to enjoy a night of fine dining at the **England Airpark Community Center in Alexandria**. Seating is limited, so please purchase your tickets early! Tickets are available online at www.stmarysalexandria.org or by contacting St. Mary's at 318-445-6443 ext. 2144.

October 13-15 2023 Annual Creole Festival

Celebrating more than 200 years of culture, cuisine, faith, family and friends! Join us on the grounds of **St. Augustine Church in Isle Brevelle** starting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13 for a fish fry while listening to the music of Deep Water Rehab band. On Saturday, the fun begins at 10:00 a.m. and includes a bike tour, river tour, bingo, raffles, gumbo, meat pies, tamales and more! Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, activities begin again following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Music for Saturday and Sunday provided by DJ Doc Couty. Please do not park on the river bank. For more information contact the church office at (318) 379-2521 or watch our Facebook page: facebook.com/staugustineontheisle

15.6 Miles Round Trip Bike Ride, Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 at 10 am starting at St. Augustine Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Carey @ 318.471.3085

October 18 White Coat Mass

Please join us for a White Coat Mass at **St. Francis Xavier Cathedral** on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 12:05 p.m. celebrated for medical professionals and providers including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists, medical technologists, lab technologists, dental hygienists, mental health providers and professionals, emergency medical personnel, medical and mental health practice office workers, etc. Bishop Robert Marshall will be the principal celebrant for this Mass. The public is invited.