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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023

In Isaiah’s vision, the Lord will provide for all peoples, not just the house of Israel and not just those who remained faithful through all the trials they had endured. Because everyone is invited, there will naturally be some who feel that this is too generous, that unfaithful people or sinful people, that pagans or enemies do not deserve a place. Perhaps that judgment mentality or jealousy is part of the “veil that veils all peoples” that God will destroy. The vision speaks of the veil as death, but it may also represent anything that diminishes life, from petty jealousies to vicious hatred. All that is harmful and hurtful is lifted off humanity on God’s holy mountain.

The Gospel parable makes clear that our appropriate response to an invitation to a feast is acceptance. But beyond that, what should be our response to such generosity from God? We are called to extend that kind of generosity to others. Giving to others passes God’s generosity on to others. And generosity to those most in need extends God’s generosity on to others. And generosity to those most in need extends God’s generosity to those who most need it. May we realize the ultimate source of all that we are blessed with, so that we may be like the king’s servants, who could have attended the feast alone, but continued to pass that generosity along, to good and bad alike, until it had spread all over the region.

The end of the parable reminds us of our obligation to prepare ourselves for God’s invitation. Saint Paul provides a model of that preparation. He is aware that though there are times when he is surrounded with plenty, other times he must go without. But he has learned in secret: in Christ Jesus, God supplies us with all we need.

Mass Schedule

Oct 14 Saturday 5:00 pm +Pat & Delores Pichon, +Edna R. Gallien, +Lester & Faye Sarpy, +Daniel Christophe, Sr. and +Daniel Christophe, Jr.

Oct 15 Sunday 8:30 am +Amy Tobin

Oct 15 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Oct 16 Monday No Mass
Readings: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Oct 17 Tuesday 6:00 pm In Thanksgiving for St. Augustine Creole Festival Success
Readings: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Oct 18 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Chad Jones
Readings: 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Oct 19 Thursday 8:00 am +James Felton Moran
Readings: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Oct 20 Friday 8:00 am +JoAnn Rachal
Readings: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Oct 21 Saturday 5:00 pm +James Felton Moran, +Todd Roque and +Allen & Jimmy Byone
Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Oct 22 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

Oct 22 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	October 8, 2023	
	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 4,648.00	\$ 701.00
Building	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 783.00	\$ 152.00
Online 10/2-10/8	\$ 810.75 Building \$5.00	St. Anne \$50.00

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat Oct 14 5:00 pm	Catherine Rachal	Farrell Christophe Clyde Roque	Volunteers
Sun Oct 15 10:30 am	Peggy Braxton	John Scott Norah Sers	Volunteers
Sat Oct 21 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Kenneth Metoyer Keith Sarpy	Volunteers
Sun Oct 22 10:30 am	Carey Blanchard	Patrick Jones Chris Sylvia	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 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

Thanks to everyone who contributed in anyway to make St. Augustine Creole Festival a huge success. May God reward you abundantly!

Everyone is invited to a Creole Festival follow up meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 pm to discuss improvements, ideas, strategies, etc. to make St. Augustine Creole Festival 2024 better!

Important

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



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.

October 22 World Mission Sunday: Next week we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in that week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

November 2-5 Silent Directed Retreat for everyone

The Diocese of Alexandria, along with clergy, deacons and spiritual directors are hosting a silent retreat, "**Growing In Holiness**," on Nov. 2-5 at **Maryhill Renewal Center**. This retreat is open to all, men and women, 18 or older, who are seeking quiet reflective prayer time. Your time on the beautiful grounds at Maryhill will include daily Mass and adoration, daily time with a spiritual director and the sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. The Retreat starts on Thursday night and ends Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Retreat fees of \$275 include a private room on the north side of Maryhill and meals. A deposit of \$75 and a registration form is needed to secure your spot. Limited availability. To register contact Renée Aldridge 318-542-1966 at renee.aldridge1@gmail.com or Ingrid Canella at icnewell@yahoo.com.

All Saints Day Mass Schedule:

October 31, 4 pm Vigil Mass - St. Anne followed by the blessing of graves

October 31, 6 pm Vigil Mass - St. Augustine Catholic Church

November 1, 6 pm Mass at St. Augustine followed by the blessing of the graves

Position available: Manna House Line Cook

Skills and qualifications associated with the role of a Line Cook include:

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November 18 - Mark your Calendar! St. Anne Church Gumbo & Bingo Night