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**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**  
St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm  
.....Sunday, 10:30 am  
Mission: St. Anne:.....Sunday, 8:30 am  
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

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 22, 2023**

The ancient proverb, “the enemy of my enemy is my friend” applies perfectly to Cyrus the Great, king of Persia. He had set his sights on building an enormous empire that would extend from central Asia to the Mediterranean. But the Babylonians, who had destroyed Jerusalem and driven much of the Jewish population from Judah, stood in the way. Cyrus was well known for respecting the religions and traditions of the people living in the regions he conquered, so the Jewish people greeted him as a liberator, not another oppressor. Therefore, Isaiah has the audacity to say that Cyrus must have been called by God, anointed by God, in his mission to defeat the Jewish nation’s greatest enemy, the Babylonians.

Isaiah goes on to say that God called Cyrus by name, anointed him, armed him, and gave him his title, even though Cyrus does not even know who God is. It doesn’t matter. We ourselves may feel inadequate when it comes to knowing God or understanding God, but this should not worry us. The important thing is that God knows us. From the leader of the largest empire in history at the time to the tiniest sparrow who falls to earth, God knows every living being in creation.

Some of the Pharisees seek to entrap Jesus, asking him a question designed to get him in trouble with either the religious or government authorities. But Jesus finds a clever way to answer sensibly and safely. Had Caesar heard his answer, he would have been pleased that Jesus’ followers could be counted on to continue to pay the census tax. But maybe we should ask: What did Caesar have that did not first come from God? All creation has its source in God, and so truly all creation belongs to God. Neither Cyrus nor Caesar likely realized it, but despite all their power and all their wealth, they stood in God’s debt. Even more do we owe God for all we have been given, from what we have here in this world to our eventual destiny in the next.



### Mass Schedule

Oct 21 Saturday 5:00 pm	+James Felton Moran, +Todd Roque and +Allen & Jimmy Byone and +Michael Ray Velasquez
Oct 22 Sunday 8:15 am	+Amy Tobin
Oct 22 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Oct 23 Monday	No Mass
<b>Readings:</b> Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21	
Oct 24 Tuesday 6:00 pm	John & Eva Rachal
<b>Readings:</b> Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38	
Oct 25 Wednesday 6:00 pm	Wilfred Severin
<b>Readings:</b> Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1-8; Lk 12:39-48	
Oct 26 Thursday 8:00 am	James Felton Moran
<b>Readings:</b> Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53	
Oct 27 Friday 8:00 am	JoAnn Rachal
<b>Readings:</b> Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59	
Oct 28 Saturday 5:00 pm	+Anniversary of Ruth Conant, +Michael Ray Velasquez, Anniversary of Justin Picou, and Josh Picou and Family,
<b>Readings:</b> Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19: 2-5; Lk 6:12-16	
Oct 29 Sunday 8:15 am	+Amy Tobin
Oct 29 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:	October 8, 2023	
	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 3,805.96	\$ 651.00
Online 10/9-10/22	\$ 590.75 Building \$5.00	St. Anne \$50.00
Thank you for your generosity!		

### Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
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
Sat Oct 28 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Vanue Lacour Farrell Christophe	Volunteers
Sun Oct 29 10:30 am	Jerry Campo	Barry Antee Patrick Jones II	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!

Important

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

Christian Mothers meeting Friday, November 3 @ 6 pm in the church 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.

**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](mailto:renee.aldridge1@gmail.com) or Ingrid Canella at [icnewell@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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### 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.

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