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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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023

It is easy to look toward and look kindly upon our family and friends and the neighbors we know, but to look away from or look down upon those who are strangers to us, especially those who seem most unlike us. The further we get from our own home, our own parish, or our own neighborhood, the more “other” the people we encounter seem to be. This is when we need to hear again the first line from the first reading: “Thus says the LORD: ‘You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourself in the land of Egypt’. Everyone has been an alien once, has been “other” in some setting. In fact, everyone is a stranger in the grocery store, or at the table next to us, or at the other end of the phone. Let us reach out with love to those strangers, just as we would want to treat a stranger: ourselves.

Famine drove the ancient Israelites to Egypt, where they were treated first as merely “other,” but then oppressed and enslaved until the LORD rescued them. Famine still affects wide swaths of people every year who are forced to migrate to avoid starvation. More and more people will likely be affected each year due to global warming’s harmful effects on the climate and sea levels. It is incumbent upon God’s children who have plenty to feed God’s children who have none.

One of the greatest gifts we can give someone else is time, for unlike money we each have a finite amount of time and we can never get any of it back. To show our love for God and for our neighbor, giving the gift of time is the best way to start. We give God our time when we pray. We give our neighbor our time when we go out of our way to do something for them. This is the loves Jesus calls us in today’s Gospel.

Mass Schedule

Oct 28 Saturday 5:00 pm +Anniversary of Ruth Conant, +Michael Ray Velasquez, +Anniversary of Justin Picou, and Josh Picou and Family,

Oct 29 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

Oct 29 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Oct 30 Monday No Mass
Readings: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2,4, 6-7, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Oct 31 Tuesday **4:00 pm St. Anne & St. Augustine 6:00 pm** +Kenneth James Conant
Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Nov 01 Wednesday 6:00 pm Steph & Mike Landreaux & Family
Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Nov 02 Thursday 8:00 am All Souls
Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11

Nov 03 Friday 8:00 am +James Felton Moran, +Justin Picou, Josh Picou & Family, Tara & Chris Schwing
Readings: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Nov 04 Saturday 9:00 am **1st Saturday Mass**
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.
Readings: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Nov 05 Sunday 8:15 am +Amy Tobin

Nov 05 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish **4:00 pm Vespers**

Week's Offering:

October 21, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly	\$ 3,063.00	\$ 376.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 466.00	\$ 120.00
Online 10/16-10/22	\$ 845.75 Building \$5.00	St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	MO Holy Eucharist
Sat Oct 28 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Vanue Lacour Farrell Christophe	N/A
Sun Oct 29 10:30 am	Jerry Campo	Barry Antee Patrick Jones II	N/A
Sat Nov 4 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Mike Bordelon Kenneth Metoyer	David McGraw Lireda Balthazar Catherine Rachal
Sun Nov 5 10:30 am	Jennifer Colbert	Jerry Campo Henry Rachal	Henry Rachal Minnie Metoyer Deacon Mark



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This Week at a Glance

Tues 4pm—St. Anne
St. Augustine 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

Important

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

All Saints Day (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) 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

November 2 is ALL SOULS DAY (envelopes are on the table at the entrance of the church. Your loved ones will be remembered during the month of November.)

Ministers of Holy Eucharist

October 31

David McGraw
Deacon Mark
Dianne Riley

Ministers of Holy Eucharist

November 1

Jackie Kimbrell
Deacon Mark
Wilson Coutee



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.

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.

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

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 - St. Anne Church Gumbo & Bingo Night

Gumbo will be served starting at 5 pm & Bingo begins at 6:30 pm