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

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2023**

Like the last few Sundays, the readings today speak of a vineyard. It must have been a beautiful vineyard. Impressively built and expensively furnished, it attracted tenants who wanted the finer things in life. They saw the vineyard and the envied its owner. They probably felt that they deserved it and far and wide. Who did this absentee owner and lowly servants think they were to take away all that they had produced? They wanted it all for themselves. So they fought to keep it, escalating their fight until they saw their opportunity to keep it forever. Their greed drove them to murder. Their desire to possess what was never truly theirs prevented them from finding joy in living in the beautiful vineyard for the season in the first place. The kingdom of God will be taken from the greedy and given to the generous.

It seems nonsensical for the landowner to keep sending servants to the murderous tenants. They killed two of the first three emissaries! Who would send more? Then who would send the person most precious to them in the whole world? But God persists in giving even the most incorrigible sinners second and even third chances. For God sent the Son not to be lauded by saints, but to save sinners. Even after they killed the Son not to be lauded by saints, but to save sinners. It is sinners who get opportunity after opportunity to repent and choose good. Even after they killed the Son, God does not put the murderers to a wretched death, as the chief priests and elders who heard this parable assumed. “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do”. God always offers mercy , even to those who show none.

Our thoughts can quickly fill with worries and anxieties. St. Paul assured the Philippians that they shouldn’t be anxious, for God’s peace should reassure them. Moreover, note what Paul advised them to think about. Not their material wealth, status, or success. No, think about ‘whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and gracious, in other words, virtues that will lead us to bear fruit, fruit for the kingdom, not for ourselves.



### Mass Schedule

Oct 07 Saturday 5:00 pm	Margie Sylvia, Annette Johnson, Jimmy Llorence and Agnes Monette
Oct 08 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Oct 08 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Oct 09 Monday	No Mass
<b>Readings:</b> Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37	
Oct 10 Tuesday 6:00 pm	Ben Rachal
<b>Readings:</b> Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42	
Oct 11 Wednesday 6:00 pm	In Thanksgiving for David Johnson
<b>Readings:</b> Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4	
Oct 12 Thursday 8:00 am	James Felton Moran and Cecilia Balthazar
<b>Readings:</b> Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13	
Oct 13 Friday 8:00 am	Charles H. Christopher and Lisa Christopher
<b>Readings:</b> Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16; Lk 11:15-26	
Oct 14 Saturday 5:00 pm	Pat & Delores Pichon, Edna R. Gallien, Lester & Faye Sarpy, Daniel Christophe, Sr. and Daniel Christophe, Jr.
<b>Readings:</b> Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28	
Oct 15 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Oct 15 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

### Week's Offering:

October 1, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly	\$ 4,145.00	\$ 750.00
Building	\$ 444.00	\$ 67.00
Online 9/25-10/1	\$ 728.25	Building \$30.00 St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
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
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

### 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  
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

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

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

**HELP IS NEEDED FOR SET-UP FOR THE FESTIVAL, OCT 10-12, 2023**  
**TUES @ 6:30 pm & WED & THURS @ 5 PM EACH DAY 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).

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

**October 8** - This 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. 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](http://www.cccenla.org)

### 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](https://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**

### 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).

### 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.

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