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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
St. Augustine.....Saturday, 5:00 pm
.....Sunday, 10:30 am
Mission: St. Anne:.....Sunday, 8:15 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

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024**

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**24th Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

THE CROSS, OUR SOURCE OF
HOPE AND SALVATION

Isaiah, attached and re-
jected for speaking out, as-
suredly had a difficult cross
to bear. But today we hear
him insisting that he is will-
ing to face all his opponents,
for he trusts in God. James
writes that faith must be put
into action, which may lead
to carrying a difficult cross.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that each person must
take up his or her cross if they wish to save their life. As we lis-
ten to the readings, let us ponder which crosses we are reluc-
tant to carry and pray for the strength and resolve to shoulder
them.

What cross of mine can I commit to carrying without com-
plaining? Will I accept help when necessary? Whom can I as-
sist in carrying their own cross?

Mass Schedule

Sept 14 Saturday 5:00 +Ora Lee Conant, +Sylvester Sers, +Rod Nelson, +Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, and +Shea M. Goffe

Sept 15 Sunday 8:15 am Cayer & Armstrong Families (Living & Deceased, Culpepper & Schelette and +Vicotroia Rachal

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

Sept 16 Monday No Mass
Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Sept 17 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Rod Nelson
Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Sept 18 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Lula 'Toot' LaCour
Readings: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Sept 19 Thursday 8:00 am +Fr. Bill Recovery
Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Sept 20 Friday 8:00 am +Shea M. Goffe
Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Sept 21 Saturday 5:00 pm Armstrong & Roland Families (Living & Deceased), +Sylvester Sers, +Rod Nelson, +Ronald Adolph Prudhomme, +Meredith Smith and +Mike Ray Velasquez
Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sept 22 Sunday 8:15 am Cayer & Armstrong Families (Living & Deceased), Culpepper & Schelette Families and +Victoria Rachal

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

Week's Offering:	September 8, 2024	St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly	\$ 3,526.00		\$ 254.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00		
Online 9/2-9/8	\$890.75	Building \$405.00	St. Anne \$75.00

This Week at a Glance
 St. Augustine Weekday Masses

Tues, 6 pm
 Wed, 6 pm
 Thurs, 8 am
 Fri, 8 am

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Sept 14 5:00 pm	Catherine Rachal	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	Anita Evans David McGraw
Sun Sept 15 10:30 am	April Matt	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	Minnie Metoyer Mary Wilmore
Sat Sept 21 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Mike Bordelon James Conant	Ted Duggan Catherine Rachal
Sun Sept 22 10:30 am	Mary Jones	Glenn Sers Norah Sers	Tina Antee Wilson Coutee



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.

PRAYER

God, You see those who mourn, and You promise to comfort them. Please bring healing to my heart when I grieve. Give me hope when I'm feeling hopeless, and strength when I'm feeling overwhelmed. Show me how close You are in the midst of my mourning. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Men's Prayer Group meets every Sunday @ 9:30 am

Thanks to everyone that have been helping prepare for the Creole Festival.

St. Augustine Creole Festival Meeting Wednesday, September 18 @ 6:45 pm

Parish Clean Up Day - September 21, 2024 beginning at 8 am.

For more information call Lynwood Delphin at 318.228.5033

Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting Friday, September 27, 2024 at 6 pm.

St. Augustine's Women's ACTS retreat Nov. 7-10.

Applications are available in the entrance of church or by calling

Frances Sarpy @ 318-652-4124; Bridget Metoyer @ 337-378-8781 or Carmen

Vanderlick @ 318-451-2169. APPLICATIONS DUE OCT. 13th

St. Anne Gumbo Supper will be on November 16 starting at 5 pm

Gumbo, Hot Tamales, Meat Pies, Sweets! Bingo begins at 6 pm



PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, Andrew Balthazar, Carroll Poche, Donald Gallion, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, Lizzie Metoyer, Vanue Lacour, Sister Stephanie Langston, Fr. William Gearheard, Theresa Roque, Hillery Peter Narcisse, Anna Marie Christophe and Joyce Conant.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA) 2024

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$20,828.00	\$20,907.00	\$18,157.80
\$ 2,234.00	\$ 1,658.00	\$ 1,658.00

Please prayerful consider making a donation to the ADA appeal.

September 14-15 This weekend we participate in the **Retired Priests Collection** for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retired priests must be adjusted periodically as well. We appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and ask that you remember them in your prayers.

September 25 The Creole French Connection Presents

A Celebration of Our Shared Heritage (Opera Scenes, Arias, and Creole Folk Songs performed by Opera Creole Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 7:30 am

Magale Recital Hall, Northwestern State University

Tickets: \$20, General Admission, NSU Students (with NSU ID) & Under 18 Free

To purchase tickets, contact Creole Heritage Center @ 318.357.6685

September 28 Catechetical Formation Enrichment Day

Calling all Catechists entrusted with handing down the faith to the youth and adults in our Diocese! We invite you to join us for a Day of Enrichment! Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the LSU-Alexandria campus Brumfield Caffey Ballroom. The day is free of charge and will consist of engaging talks, a panel Q&A, lunch, and more, all led by host Paul George and speaker, David Calavitta. Registration opens on Tuesday, July 30, and closes on Friday, Sept. 20. To register visit www.diocesealex.org. Space is limited. Email Hannah at the Diocese of Alexandria office hmorgan@diocesealex.org or Steubenville South at hello@steubenvillesouth.com with any questions.