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

*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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023

Today’s readings call us to take responsibility for our neighbor. Ezekiel tells us that the Lord holds him personally responsible for turning others away from evil. Ezekiel was given the task by God to convince the people of their sinfulness and then persuade them to change. Paul instructs the Romans that when we love our neighbor, we fulfill God’s law. As Christians, we are called to be reconciled with Christ and with one another. There is no room in the faithful heart for grudges. Jesus teaches his disciples that they must reach out to sinners and seek their repentance. May God’s word strengthen us to reach out to our neighbor with love, to reconcile with our sisters and brothers.

A Prayer for Conversions

O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire me with the ardor of your zeal that I may pray and work for the conversion of my brethren, redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth. Mindful of the loving concern of the Divine Shepherd for the salvation of the “other sheep that are not of this fold,” I now beg your intercession to obtain the grace of conversion for (name of family member, friend or others). May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone this gift can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Mass Schedule

Sept 09 Saturday 5:00 pm	Charles Henry & Lisa Christopher, Ora Lee Conant and Margie Sylvia
Sept 10 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Sept 10 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Sept 11 Monday	No Mass
Readings: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11	
Sept 12 Tuesday	No Mass
Readings: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19	
Sept 13 Wednesday 6:00 pm	Todd Roque & Theresa Roque
Readings: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26	
Sept 14 Thursday 8:00 am	James Felton Moran
Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	
Sept 15 Friday 8:00 am	Margie Sylvia
Readings: Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	
Sept 16 Saturday 5:00 pm	Charles Henry & Lisa Christopher, Andrew Moran, Fred Severin, Edna R. Gallien, Lester & Faye Sarpy and Van LaCaze
Readings: Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49	
Sept 17 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Sept 17 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

September 3, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly	\$ 3,799.00	\$ 774.00
Building	\$ 87.00	\$ 78.00
Catholic University	\$ 658.00	\$ 69.00
Online 8/20-27	\$ 1,028.25	Building \$30.00 St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat Sept 9 5:00 pm	Anita Evans	Kenneth Metoyer Keith Sarpy	Volunteers
Sun Sept 10 10:30 am	Sr Elizabeth Ann Holmes	John Scott Chris Sylvia	Volunteers
Sat Sept. 16 5:00 pm	Bridget Metoyer	Donald Balthazar Clyde Roque	Volunteers
Sun Sept. 17 10:30 am	Rebecca Jones	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	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

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

CCD classes will start on Sept. 13 with 6 pm Mass, class will begin immediately after Mass and students will be dismissed at 7:40 pm. Students Wednesday night supper will be on the 3rd Wednesday after class is dismissed. Registration forms will be on the table at the entrance of church or online. Registration Fee is \$15. For more info, please contact Deloris Jones @ 471.4168.

In preparation for St. Augustine Creole Festival, hot tamales will be made on September 23rd at 8:00 am. Please come out and help!



PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for Anthony Lacour (Illinois), Barbara Moran (Shreveport), Noble Moran (Shreveport), Sister Sylvia Conant (California), Brian Conant (California), Kathy Batten (Bermuda) Mollie Rachal (Natchitoches), Riley LaCaze (Natchez); Robert Eugene (Connecticut) and Bruce Metoyer (St Anthony's); Darrin Gallion (Shreveport) Leonard LaCour (Georgia) and Kasey Sparish (Natchitoches)

Parishioners - Dee LaCour, Nick Jackson, Andrew Balthazar, Carroll Poche, Sylvester Sers, Donald Gallion, Henry Llorence, Jr., Cynthia LaCour, and Lizzie Metoyer.

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).

Bingo Prizes are needed for the St. Augustine Creole Festival, please drop them off in the basket at the entrance of the Church.

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

September 21 Day of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for a Day of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration for Families in Avoyelles Parish and all over the world with Fr. Emmanuel (Manny) Fernandez and Fr. Abraham Varghese. The event will be held at **Holy Ghost Church, 121 S. Preston St., Marksville**, on Thursday, Sept. 21. Adoration will be 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; confession 3:00-5:45 p.m.; Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.; Eucharistic Healing Service follows Mass with Fr. Manny Fernandez.

Weekend of September 16 & 17 Special Collection: Next 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.

Begin October 7 Lector Formation Workshops

The Diocese of Alexandria will be offering Lector workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. Please sign up for the session that best fits your schedule at the Diocese website at www.diocesealex.org.

The tentative dates, times and locations are:

Oct. 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria

Oct. 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches

Begin October 10 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshops

The next workshops for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be held on the dates, times and locations below. The average time for the workshop is about three hours so please plan accordingly. The same information will be presented at each session. If you would like to sign up, please visit www.diocesealex.org or contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext 207 or by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

The tentative dates, times and locations are:

Oct. 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria

Feb. 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches