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Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025

By his crucifixion, Jesus transformed the cross from a profane instrument of execution to a symbol of triumph. Jesus sanctified the cross, making it holy, by sacrificing his life to win our salvation. We exalt the holy cross in a special way today, but we also exalt it every time we make the sign of the cross to express and bear witness to our faith. May the cross be a sign for us of Christ's power to overcome death and give new life.
In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.
How can I imitate Christ by helping someone else carry their cross, as he helps me carry mine?

Mass Schedule

Sept 13 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Ora Lee Conant, +Lizzie Mae Metoyer, +Fred Severin, M/M Edward & Leacy Conant, Jeanerette Meziere and +Winnie Regan

Sept 14 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Sept 14 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Sept 15 Monday No Mass
Readings: 1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sept 16 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Paul Velasquez
Readings: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Sept 17 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Gretta R. Burns
Readings: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Sept 18 Thursday 8:00 am +Joseph P. Delphin
Readings: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Sept 19 Friday 8:00 am +Rob Legg
Readings: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sept 20 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Lula LaCour, +Antonio Esparza, +Winnie Regan and +Lawrence Meziere, Jr.
Readings: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sept 21 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Sept 21 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:		September 7, 2025	
		St. Augustine	St. Anne
Weekly		\$ 4,557.00	\$ 490.00
Building		\$ 430.00	\$ 65.00
Catholic University of America		\$ 525.00	\$ 80.00
Online 9/1-9/7	\$1,065.00	St. Anne \$75.00	Building \$5.00

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Sept 13 5:00 pm	Agnes Ashby	John Coutee Kenneth Metoyer	Doretta O'Brien
Sun Sept 14 10:30 am	Marissa Deen	Jerry Campo Patrick Jones	Tina Antee
Sat Sept 20 5:00 pm	Dianne Riley	Donald Balthazar Clyde Roque	David McGraw
Sun Sept 21 10:30 am	April Matt	Mike DeBlieux Patrick Jones II	Jackie Delphin

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seed of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen,



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.

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

Special Thanks to everyone that came and help make the hot tamales and cleaned up for the parish work day!

Christian Mothers will meet Thursday, September 25 at 6 pm



PARISH CARE MINISTRY - We ask for your prayers for: Nick Jackson, Hillery Peter Narcisse, Maxine Christophe, Janet Jones, Samuel Christophe, Sr., Leland & Gussie LaCaze and Mona Beaudion.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the Creole & Family Festival, please contact Chad Nelson @ 318.663.8584 or the office @ 318.379.2521

Christian Mothers have meat pies for sale \$30 per dozen. Contact: Gail Jones 318 652-4203 or Anita Evans 318 652-1642.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? Join us on Thursdays @ 6 pm for O.C.I.A. class.

September 20 Lectionary Workbooks 2026

Lectionary Workbook orders must be in by September 24, 2025. Cost is \$14 per book.

September 27 Mass Honoring Altar Servers, 10:00 am @ St. Frances Xavier Cathedral

This is for youth and adult servers. Please RSVP to 318.379.2521 or email: staugustine1803@gmail.com by September 20, 2025.

October 4 Steak Night Fundraiser

Come have an enjoyable night at St. John the Baptist Church, Cloutierville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served 6:00-7:00 p.m. followed by Music and dancing until 11:00 p.m. Menu includes: steak, baked potato, green beans, dessert and drink. Cost is \$25 per ticket and must be pre-purchased. Contact Elizabeth Metoyer at 318-792-5442; Catrell Sanders at 318-518-0064 or Nazy Metoyer at 757-323-9401 to buy tickets. All proceeds benefit St. John the Baptist Church, Cloutierville, LA.

October 10-12th St. Augustine Creole & Family Festival

Friday 6-11 pm Fried Fish & Trimmings, Festival T-shirts available & Music
Saturday—8 am 2nd Annual "Run for Rod"; 10 am—5 pm Fun & Games, Bingo, Food;
5 pm Mass; 6:30 pm—10:30 pm Gerard Delafosse & The Zydeco Gaters; Festival Closes at 11
Sunday—10:30 am Mass; 11:30 am Festival Activities continues 3 pm Closes

November 21-23, 2025 Red Bird Ministries Mother's Retreat

For mother of child loss - Pregnancy through adulthood. It's a Catholic Grief Support Ministry. Held at Jesuit Spirituality Center, 313 East MLK Drive, Grand Coteau, LA 70541 Registration Closes: 10/21/2025

Ways to pray for the Dead The Catholic Church encourages us to pray for the deceased, recognizing that these souls may be in Purgatory, a place of waiting in the afterlife before entering into Heaven. The Church teaches that it is a **Spiritual Work of Mercy** to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, imploring God to purify the souls of the dead "by the fire of His charity" and to bring them at last to their Heavenly Home. For deceased relative, friend, or victim of a tragedy, contact the parish office about offering a Mass for someone. Composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori, the nine days of prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory are a more prolonged way to pray for the deceased. One of the most popular prayers for the Souls in Purgatory is that of St. Gertrude the Great. The Eternal Rest prayer is as follows: *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. men.* By Philip Kosloski

December 6 Chris Padgett to Keynote Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference

Please plan for your child to attend this event. For more information, please contact Deloris Jones @ 318.471.4168