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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023**

Today’s readings reminds us how important it is to forgive. More than that, they teach us to be forgiving people, showing mercy to all those who have wronged us, whether in matters great or small. The readings from Sirach set the theme today, counseling us to forgive our neighbor as we pray that our own sins may be forgiven.

Peter must have thought he was going overboard when he suggested that he would forgive the person who wronged him seven times. But seven times actually seems doable. Once a day for an entire week isn’t that hard. And after all, even represented completeness. To complete the forgiveness process, is seven times was what it took, okay. But Jesus shocks Peter when he demands forgiving seventy-seven times. Who could possibly do that? But that’s the point. Forgiveness isn’t something that is tracked on a scorecard, with a certain number of boxes to fill in. The goal of forgiveness is reconciliation. Until that is reached, we need to keep trying, whether it takes seven times seventeen times, seventy times, or whatever number of times. There is no limit, for your relationship with your bother or sister remains incomplete until you have reconciled.

Forgiveness begins in the heart. Unfortunately, so do wrath and anger, which Sirach urges us to avoid. When we are wronged, especially when it hurts, especially when it has long-term consequences or even changes our lives completely, it is difficult for the heart to make a complete turn from anger to mercy. But, as doctors will say, we need to nurture a healthy heart. When we hug tightly wrath and anger, allowing them to fester into resentment or bitterness, we are unconsciously choosing to have an unhealthy heart. Forgiveness allows us to reconcile with the consequences of the action that hurt us as well as with the cause of that hurt. It allows us to heal the broken relationship with that person, with an apparently unfair world, and with a seemingly unjust God.

May today’s readings inspire us to forgive others as we seek forgiveness ourselves.

Mass Schedule

Sept 16 Saturday 5:00 pm	Charles Henry & Lisa Christopher, Andrew Moran, Fred Severin, Edna R. Gallien, Lester & Faye Sarpy and Van LaCaze
Sept 17 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin and John A. Nichols
Sept 17 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Sept 18 Monday	No Mass
Readings: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11	
Sept 19 Tuesday 6:00 pm	Denise Corale
Readings: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19	
Sept 20 Wednesday 6:00 pm	Chad Jones
Readings: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26	
Sept 21 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 22 Friday 8:00 am	Anniversary of Joseph Edward Conant, Jr.
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 23 Saturday 5:00 pm	Isabella Arceneaux, Joseph P. Delphin, Sr. and Jimmy Llorence
Readings: Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49	
Sept 24 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Sept 24 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

September 10, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly	\$ 3,456.00	\$ 803.00
Building	\$ 152.00	\$ 0.00
Catholic University	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00
Online 9/4-9/10	\$ 1,055.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$50.00
Thank you for your generosity!		

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
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
Sat Sept. 23 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	Farrell Christophe Vanue Lacour	Volunteers
Sun Sept. 24 10:30 am	April Matt	Henry Rachal 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

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

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



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) Wilfred "Freed" Dupree (Chicago) 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 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.

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 tentatives 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 tentatives 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