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Parish Manager: Elizabeth Metoyer  
Office Phone Number: 318.379.2521

**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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24, 2023**

The parable Jesus tells his disciples relates the story of the landowner and the laborers he hires. But as we know, the details of a parable stand for something else. It is clear that the landowner represents God, that we are the laborers, and that the vineyard is the world. But what work have we been hired to do and what is the customary wage? Perhaps we can find and answer in a passage just a few chapters later in Matthew. At the Last Judgment, Jesus tells his disciples, the Son of Man will welcome into the kingdom those who served the neediest among us: the hungry, the poor, the ill, the imprisoned. This is the work of God's vineyard and the "usual wage" is eternal life.

A couple of implications of this: First, because our merciful God will reward even those who worked very little, we are not doomed by our previous inaction. There is always hope. Second, because the wage is the same for all, there is no special place in heaven, no extra amount of bliss, no additional access to God's presence among all those whom God has chosen to save. Let us not judge ourselves to be superior because we seem to have done more for a longer period of time.

The resentful laborers who worked all day grumbled because they could not accept generosity favored over fairness. Yes, without a doubt, the landowner was being unfair. Moreover, the landowner, the teased the ones who worked since dawn by paying the last ones first, raising expectations for the hardest workers. But for God, generosity and mercy are more important than fairness. The landowner's modus operandi is unfathomable to us, but as Isaiah said, God's ways are so above our ways that we cannot possibly fully understand them.

We must always be aware and avoid needlessly jealousy or envy.

### Mass Schedule

Sept 23 Saturday 5:00 pm	Isabella Arceneaux, Joseph P. Delpin, Sr., Jimmy Llorence and Anniversary of Joseph Edward Conant, Jr.
Sept 24 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Sept 24 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish
Sept 25 Monday	No Mass
<b>Readings:</b> Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	
Sept 26 Tuesday 6:00 pm	Charles H. Christopher & Lisa Christopher
<b>Readings:</b> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21	
Sept 27 Wednesday 6:00 pm	Van LaCaze
<b>Readings:</b> Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6	
Sept 28 Thursday 8:00 am	James Felton Moran
<b>Readings:</b> Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9	
Sept 29 Friday 8:00 am	Fr. James Goldfinch, CM
<b>Readings:</b> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51	
Sept 30 Saturday 5:00 pm	Margie Sylvia, Annette Johnson, Jimmy Llorence and Agnes Monette
<b>Readings:</b> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43b-45	
Oct 01 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Oct 01 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish <b>VESPERS 4 pm</b>

### Week's Offering:

September 17, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly	\$ 4,157.00	\$ 517.25
Retired Priest	\$ 941.00	\$ 175.00
Online 9/11-9/17	\$ 890.75 Building \$5.00	St. Anne \$50.00
Thank you for your generosity!		

### Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
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
Sat Sept. 30 5:00 pm	Jackie Metoyer	Mike Bordelon Kenneth Metoyer	Volunteers
Sun Oct 1 10:30 am	Jerry Jones	Ricky LaCour Darrell Roque	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  
Pastoral Council Meeting -  
Thurs 6 pm  
Fri 8 am Mass  
Sun 4 pm Vespers

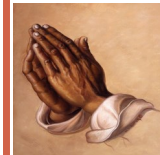
### ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.**

**St. Augustine/St. Anne Pastoral Council Members:**  
**Chad Nelson, Jerry Jones, Jr., Christopher Sylvia, Dominick Metoyer, Mary Jones, Patrick Jones II, Anita Evans, Rebecca Phillips, Henry Rachal, Jr. (Trustee), Patrick Jones (Trustee), Sr., Ex-Officio Dn. Mark Guidry and Fr. Bill**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting 6 pm, Thursday, September 28, 2023**



**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.

### 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](http://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

**Lectionary Workbooks (\$13) order form is on the table in the church. Deadline is Wed. Sept 28, 2023.**

### 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](http://www.diocesealex.org) or contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext 207 or by email at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto: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

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT NEWS:

- ♦ The flyer, "How to Report Sexual Abuse of a Minor by a Cleric or Church Worker/Volunteer of the Diocese of Alexandria" that includes contact information for reporting sexual abuse, can be found on the table in the Vestibule and is available for those who wish to take one. Poster on Bulletin Board.
- ♦ The *Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct for Priest, Deacons, Pastoral Ministers, Administrators, Staff and Volunteers* can be accessed under Safe Environment on the diocese website: [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org); and a hard copy may be requested from the Safe Environment Office.
- ♦ Employees and Volunteers are reminded to check their online VIRTUS account to ensure they are current with the required ongoing-training items (bulletins and/or recertification video module).

### 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 Blanchard @ 318.471.3085**