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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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023**

My dear Parishioners,

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN A HOSTILE WORLD

Last Tuesday was the feast of the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The basic theme of John’s life was witnessing for Christ (his cousin) in a hostile culture. John had had a great desire and passion for the Lord. Jesus loved and admired his cousin and was devastated with sadness when Herod had him beheaded and killed. John spoke out against the sin and error of King Herod and his wife Herodias. John was peaceful and even joyful speaking and defending God’s truth.

We should love our catholic faith so much and be willing to defend it! No one will ever be able to repeat the mission of John the Baptist, yet each of us is called to the same mission. The question is: What does our faith in Jesus mean to us? By our words and deeds other should realize Jesus is a priority in our lives.

Today, in order to witness to Christ in the reckless culture we live in, it is essential to know and witness our faith. The cartoon shows for our preschoolers reveal a diabolical agenda. Many cartoons portray same sex parents, transgender characters which can easily encourage gender dysphoria which is already a problem in a culture of dysfunctional families. Our children are now being exposed to shows and social media which encourage abortion on demand, sexual promiscuity, and a lack of sensitivity to God’s design for the human person.

Instead of encouraging reverence for others, being made in the image and likeness of God, “sitcoms” encourage constant put downs, negative sarcasm and objectifying the other for pleasure and stimulation. As Catholics we can no longer maintain a 7 or 8th understanding of our faith. Evil is strong and stealthy. We must be confident in witnessing Christ’s teaching to others. We must be formed and informed with a more adult competency. Regular worship, prayer, and the sacraments are our strength. Our motto must be *the devil is strong, but Jesus’ grace is stronger!!!*

Fr. Bill

Mass Schedule

Sept 02 Saturday 5:00 pm	Anniversary of Pat Pichon, Bridgette Roque, Mary Llorance, The Spillman Family and Raymond Walters
Sept 03 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Sept 03 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish 6pm Vespers
Sept 04 Monday	No Mass
Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30	
Sept 05 Tuesday 6:00 pm	JoAnn Rachal
Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Lk 4:31-37	
Sept 06 Wednesday 6:00 pm	Denise Corale
Readings: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44	
Sept 07 Thursday 8:00 am	James Felton Moran
Readings: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11	
Sept 08 Friday 8:00 am	Isabella Arceneaux
Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; MT 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23	
Sept 09 Saturday 5:00 pm	Charles Henry & Lisa Christopher, Ora Lee Conant and Margie Sylvia
Readings: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5	
Sept 10 Sunday 8:30 am	Amy Tobin
Sept 10 Sunday 10:30 am	The People of the Parish

Week's Offering:

August 27, 2023

St. Augustine

St. Anne

Weekly	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 342.00
Building	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Online 8/20-27	\$ 740.75	Building \$5.00 St. Anne \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Service Schedule:

	LECTORS	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat Sept 2 5:00 pm	Catherine Rachal	Mike Bordelon James Conant	Volunteers
Sun Sept 3 10:30 am	John Scott	Barry Antee Patrick Jones II	Volunteers
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

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

Tuesday - 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

CCD: There will be a training for all CCD teachers on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm given by Deacon Jason Lavergne. **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) Teresa Basco (Alexandria); Mollie Rachal (Natchitoches), Van & 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, Donald Metoyer, 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, Tiffany Roque, and Tommy 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.

This weekend's second collection: Since 1903, **The Catholic University of America** has been blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. James Cardinal Gibbons, our first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, affectionately called the collection "the people's endowment." Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. Please be generous. For more information visit: <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection>

September 8, 13, 23 Prayer Poem Book signing events by Marcus & Liz Descant

The prayer poems that you see published in the Church Today every month are now compiled into a 200-page book titled: *Who Do You Say That I Am?* The book is available for purchase for digital devices from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Google Play, Apple Books. Physical books can be purchased locally from Mary's Heart Catholic Book Store in Alexandria as well as by contacting lizdescant@gmail.com. The Descants will appear on KALB-TV's Good Day Cenla Sept. 8 at 11:00 a.m. A book signing will be held at Mary's Heart Catholic Book Store on Sept. 13 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and a book signing will be held at Rapides Parish Library Westside on Hwy. 28W, Alexandria on Sept. 23, 12 noon-2:00 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

I am inviting all of St. Augustine Parishioners (St. Anne Parish will have someone appointed) to submit up to 5 nominees you think would responsibly serve the needs of St. Augustine Parish for our **Pastoral Council**. Those interested are to be faithful Catholics who understand the need to serve without "title" or recognition. The period for service will be two to three years. Please pray and carefully discern your decision before submitting the 5 names by email. For those who are not comfortable using e-mail, index cards are located in the rear of the Church.

Submit your suggestions by Friday, September 8th by emailing nominees to staugustine1803@gmail.com, or placing your completed index card and putting it in the collection basket. Once counted and selected our Pastoral Council will consists of 12 members: the 2 parish trustees: Henry Rachal and Pat Jones, 8 elected/appointed members, Deacon Mark and Fr. Bill. Members will be required to meet at least 3 times a year, or 4 times, if needed. Thank you for your continued prayers for our parishes.

"The pastor presides over the council in which the faithful, together with those who in virtue of office participate in the pastoral care of the parish, offer their assistance in fostering pastoral action. The parish pastoral council enjoys a consultative vote only and is governed by norms enacted by the diocesan bishop (Can. 536).