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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 7, 2025



**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Over the last two thousand years Jesus has been given many titles, from Bread of Life to Our Savior. One of his first titles, going back to when he first stood and proclaimed God's word in the synagogue, is Rabbi, or Teacher. How appropriate to focus on that title on this first Sunday of September, a time of year when millions of young people are returning to school. Today we mean to be a disciple. May he lead us in his name.

Jesus, our teacher, offers lessons today on being a disciple. These lessons can be difficult—we must carry our own crosses, we must renounce all our possessions, we even must hate our own family—but we gather as a family of faith in this place to hear them and reflect on them. The words of Wisdom may help, as they point out that as much as we try, we cannot possibly conceive the mind of God. Therefore, with faith and humility, let us listen to God's word.

How do I feel challenged by Jesus' demands of discipleship?



*Mass Schedule*

Sept 6 Saturday 8:00 am +Lizzie Metoyer  
5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Idabel Delphin-Arceneaux, Anniversary of Pat Pichon, Delphin/Morgan Family, Lawrence Meziere, Jr. Jeanerette Meziere and +Winnie Regan

Sept 7 Sunday 8:15 am Culpepper & Schelette Families & +Andrew Balthazar

Sept 7 Sunday 10:30 am The People of the Parish

Sept 8 Monday No Mass  
**Readings:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Sept 9 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Todd Roque  
**Readings:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Sept 10 Wednesday 6:00 pm +Lula LaCour  
**Readings:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b; Lk 6:20-26

Sept 11 Thursday 8:00 am +Theresa Roque and +Gretta M. Burns  
**Readings:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Sept 12 Friday 10:00 am Healing for the sick  
**Readings:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Sept 13 Saturday 5:00 pm +Andrew Balthazar, +Ora Lee Conant, +Nazy LaCour, +Lizzie Mae Metoyer, +Fred Severin, +M/M Edward & Leacy Conant, Jeanerette Meziere and +Winnie Regan  
**Readings:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

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

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

**Week's Offering: August 31, 2025**

	<b>St. Augustine</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
Weekly	\$ 4,671.23	\$ 417.00
Online 8/25-8/31	\$887.50	St. Anne \$75.00 Building \$80.00

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*Parish Service Schedule:*

	LECTORS	USHERS	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat Sept 6 5:00 pm	Ted Duggan	James Conant David McGraw	Catherine Rachal
Sun Sept 7 10:30 am	Jennifer Colbert	Glenn Sers Norah Sers	John Scott
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



**On-Line Giving**

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**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,

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

**There will be no 8 am Mass on Friday, September 12, please join us at 10 am.**

**Friday, September 12, Healing Mass @ 10 am followed by Senior Lunch with Music and Fellowship**

**Parish Workday - Saturday, September 13 from 7 am—11 am**

**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 7 - Collection for the Catholic University of America** 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. Please be generous.

**September 20 Catechist Enrichment Day**

Join us for **Catechist Enrichment Day at Maryhill Renewal Center**. Evangelization and Catechesis go hand in hand in fulfilling the mission of the Church and that is to lead people to a deeper encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Presenters at this event will share teaching techniques, insights into the Sacraments, OCIA/Tribunal process, how to make scripture come alive, and more. If your role involves sharing the faith with others, please join us this day of relational ministry enrichment. Speakers will be: Dr. Amber Hyatt, Nicole Mitchell, Sylvia Davis, Deacon Les Glankler, Father Taylor Reynolds and Bishop Robert Marshall. To register, complete the form here: [https://form.jotform.com/dcnjlavergne/2025\\_Catechist\\_Day](https://form.jotform.com/dcnjlavergne/2025_Catechist_Day) Or contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org)

**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](mailto: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