

St. Rita Catholic Church

December 27, 2020
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

4401 Bayou Rapides Road (Church)
3822 Bayou Rapides Road (Parish Office)
Alexandria, LA 71303
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Closed on Fridays



St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ

Church Office: 445-7120; FAX: 448-0704
Religious Education: 445-7141 ext 217 St. Vincent de Paul: 473-0887
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Website: <http://www.StRita.org> Check our website for individual email addresses.
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Dial Direct to Extensions: 445-7141
Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., Pastor (ext 212)
Rev. Luke LaFleur, Sacramental Assistance (ext 211)
Rev. Peter Faulk, JCL Sacramental Assistance (445-2401 ext 217)
Rev. David Braquet, Sacramental Assistance
Mrs. Debbie Brown, Parish Manager (ext 214)
Ms. Etta Ohrt, Director of Finance & Personnel (ext 210)
Mrs. Courtney Brinkman, Director of Youth Religious Education (ext 217)
Mrs. Melva Villard, Director of Music & Liturgical Ministries (442-3428)
Mrs. Julie DeKeyser, Pastoral Associate of Evangelization, Liturgy, Youth (215)
Mr. Maxwell Moreau, Director of Buildings & Maintenance (359-1944)

BAPTISMS:
Contact Debbie Brown, 445-7141 ext 214

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:
Contact Debbie Brown, 445-7141 ext 214
(6 months prior to desired wedding date)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Ask in the sacristy before or after any Mass or contact Fr. Dharmaraj or Fr. LaFleur

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays, 3:30 - 3:55, or 15 minutes before any Mass or by appointment.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May God Bless you and your family in 2021!

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

*Vigil Masses, Thursday, December 31 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
Masses, Friday, January 1 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM*

4:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday
Masses are LIVE STREAMED every weekend.
Please join us on Facebook or at www.strita.org.

WEARING A MASK AT ST. RITA: Everyone is required to wear a mask to attend all functions at St Rita Church. *You are also required to keep your mask ON during the entire Mass, your mask must cover your nose and mouth.*

Saturday, December 26

4:00 -Mass for Rebecca Alexander, Earleen Baillio, Evelyn B. Belfiore, Paul Branco, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Ronnie Hair, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Clemmie Michiels, Patsy Myers, Mary Snow

6:00 -Mass for Barbara Gralapp

Sunday, December 27

8:00 -Mass for Diane Brinkhau

11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish

2:00 -Spanish Mass for deceased members Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

Monday, December 28

8:00 -Mass for Lettie Michiels

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 - Mass for Vernon & Cecilia Mathews

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 -Mass for Pete & Mary Snow

Thursday, December 31

4:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

6:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

8:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

Saturday, January 2

4:00 -Mass for Hyacinthe "Hiway" Mathews Bailey

6:00 -Mass for Shirley Rini

Sunday, January 3

8:00 -Mass for Rosalie V. Mathews

11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Alma, Anna Mae, Dan, & Gibbon Mayeaux

5:30 -Mass for Jim Curley

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214. *Flowers are \$75 for both arrangements.*

ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS in loving memory of Gerald Robichaux by Mary Robichaux and family. If you are interested in having a loved one remembered by providing the sanctuary lamps, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214. Cost is \$7.50 per candle.

ADORATION CHAPEL: The Blessed Sacrament is reserved for adoration by all the faithful in the St. Pius X Chapel located in the rear of the Church building. Hours are 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM. To obtain the combination for the chapel stop by the church office at 3822 Bayou Rapides Road, during office hours. *We remind you not to give the code to anyone, and please do not open the door for anyone.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of December 20	\$ 11,990.00
Online & EFT Gifts December 20	\$ 8,297.00
Short for the week of December 20	\$ 2,769.88

BLDG/Maintenance Fund December	\$ 7,250.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Dec	\$ 1,835.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Marge Branco, Nancy Cook, Loretta Gallagher

OUR SICK: Gianna Benavides, Jackie Davis, Fr. Craig Scott, Kayla Spangler, Marilyn Thiels, Kathy Fryer Thomas, John Wilmore

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Jeannette Fenoli, Leslie Fryer, Jason Garon, Katherine Hunnell, Sherri Johnson, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, David Paulk, Mary Robichaux, Alisha Sylvia, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams, Ona Wilson

OUR SHUT-INS: Joan Andries, Harold Ardoin, Joyce Bakies, Fay Baudin, Margaret Beaubouef, Lizzie Belgard, Lela Bordelon, Nellie Bordelon, Theresa Bordelon, Shirley Bost, Ray Broussard, Jennie Buckoski, Joyce Carmouche, Carol Clement, Aline Cicardo, Connie Couvillion, Benny David, Deborah Davidson, Edwina Deramus, Lenora Derbonne, Odean Deville, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Regina Dunn, Mary Ford, Linda Gauthier, Irma Gonzaque, Jessie Griffin, Sharon Guillory, Dorothy Harmeier, Richard Harris, Marie Hawthorne, Aline Johnson, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Joyce Laborde, Gerald Lachney, Iris Ruth LeJeune, Josephine Marcotte, Otride Marcotte, Jr., Zadie Marcotte, Joyce McGinty, Eliska Michiel, Monica Milling, George Moreau, Gladys Morris, Yvonne Perrin, June Peterson, Rose Ponthieux, Joyce Price, Jerry B. Rachal, Judy Rechs, James Schoolcraft, Jeannette Smith, Ina Steiner, Bobby Thevenote, Francis Lee Thiels, Michael Turner, Susan Turner, Virginia Verzwylvelt, Willie Voorhies, Jennifer Ann Walker, Sandra Walker, Veronica Walters, Betty Wilmore, Rivers Wilson, Marilyn Wilson, Pamela Wilson, Anita Wooley

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: CW3 Ron Cole, Lance Cpl Mathew G. Collins, Lance Cpl. Amy Fogleman, Major Mike Frazier, Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy McKnight, Lance Cpl. Simon Pelto, PO2 Nicholas Peralta, PFC Brandon Rashall, Capt. Rachel Salpietra, Capt. Sean P. Turner, Capt. Timothy C. Turner. If you have members of your family who have been called to active military duty, or are already on active duty, please call 445-7141 ext 214. or e-mail us at dbrown@strita.org. Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: For the Christmas holidays please note that the parish offices will be closed on the following days; Tuesday, December 29 through Thursday, December 31st.

Even though the parish office is closed, Fr. Raj will check his messages regularly, so please remember we are here to serve you at all times! You can leave a message for Fr. Raj (445-7141 ext. 212). **If you have an emergency for someone who is seriously ill or dying, please call 445-7141 ext. 4 and a priest will be paged to answer your call.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE will be closed Thursday, December 31 & Friday, January 1st.

MANY THANKS:

To all of our Volunteer Sacristans and those who assist with the linens and candles. You are all a great blessing especially at Christmas time; thank you for your many dedicated hours!!!

To Music Ministers, Melva Villard, Director of Music, Julie DeKeyzer, Cantors and all our other musicians for the beautiful music they provided our parish family this Advent and Christmas season.

To the Altar and Rosary Society, Parish Staff and their volunteers for decorating the church for Christmas. **Thank you also to those who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund.**

It was beautiful and truly helps enhance our liturgies!
 –Fr. Raj

CHURCH VOCATIONS COLLECTION: This collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the Church Vocations collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please be generous. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop it in the collection basket.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: is celebrated on Friday, January 1 and it IS a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for this Solemnity will be at 4:00 and 5:30 PM on Thursday, December 31, and at 8:00 and 9:30 AM on Friday, January 1, New Years Day.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Altar and Rosary Society for purchasing the poinsettia's for our homebound Shut-Ins. They were very much appreciated.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH LINE GIVING where you can create or alter your contribution schedule at any time. You can also see reports of your contribution history that you can use for your records. By clicking the "OnLine Giving" link at www.strita.org you can take care your contributions yourself.

EFT Electronic Funds Transfer directly from your bank accounts or your credit/debit card.

EFT offers many benefits to the church and you, the parishioner. Scheduling EFT contributions allows the church to benefit by having a better prediction of contributions and reducing administrative tasks and costs. EFT transactions can be scheduled weekly on Monday, 10th, 20th or 30th of the month and allows you to make a contribution even if you are unable to attend a service. Also, using your credit card allows your contribution to count towards any rewards programs offered by your card provider.

To sign up for EFT, call 445-7141 ext 210 and we will mail a form to you. We will take care of setting everything up for you.
 –Mrs. Etta Ohrt

DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP!! The St. Rita App is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Our App allows us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to messages or RSVP for events!

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