

St. Rita Catholic Church

January 3, 2021
Epiphany Of The Lord

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



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
Sacristy: 448-9599
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4
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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.

CCD 2ND GRADE & 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION

start back Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center

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, January 2
4:00 -Mass for Hyacinthe "Highway" 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
Monday, January 4
8:00 -Mass for Stephen Ardoin
Tuesday, January 5
8:00 - Mass for Jeri Brittan
Wednesday, January 6
8:00 -Mass for Henry Ardoin
Thursday, January 7
8:00 -Mass for C.E. "Eddie Weston, Sr.
Friday, January 8
8:00 -Mass for Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Sid Rud, Mary Snow
Saturday, January 9
4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, John P. Curley, Mary Margaret Matassa, Lettie Michiels, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Gabe Rodriguez, Wayne Salard, Raymond Villmarette, Kathleen H. Voltz, J.J. & Una Wilson, Intention of Sheri Johnson
6:00 -Mass for Emily Ardoin & Terry Ardoin
Sunday, January 10
8:00 -Mass for Pauline Crawford
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
2:00 -Spanish Mass for Laura Longo
5:30 -Mass for Clelie Bielosh

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 Toni Lynn Hogue by Phyllis and Jorge Vilar. 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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11 Catechism 535-537

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of December 27	\$ 9,557.00
Online & EFT Gifts December 27	\$ 3,177.00
Short for the week of December 27	\$ 4,817.74
Christmas Collection	\$ 6,556.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund December	\$ 6,950.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Dec	\$ 995.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Pierre Allemond, Gianna Benavides, Fr. Craig Scott, Kayla Spangler, John Wilmore

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Leslie Fryer, Jason Garon, Katherine Hunnell, Sherri Johnson, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, David Paulk, Mary Robichaux, Alisha Sylvia, Kathy Fryer Thomas, 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, Bennye 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., Zadia 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 Verzwuyvelt, 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION for second grade students on Saturday, January 23, 10:00 AM at the Church. For more information contact Mrs. Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND list will be in the bulletin next week-end, January 10th.
– Ms. Etta Ohrt

ADOPT A TREE BLESSING on Saturday, January 16 at 3:30 PM by the new trees. For more information call, Ms. Etta Ohrt, 445-7141 ext 210.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who donated tube socks for the Catholic Daughter Christmas Drive for the patients at St. Christina's Nursing Home.
–Mrs. Ona Wilson, Regent

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!

So be sure to download the App by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's App store.

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CCD (2nd Grade) will start back Wednesday, January 6th at 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center.

–Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

2nd YEAR CONFIRMATION: All parents of 2nd year students should have received a letter in the mail with a current calendar. Please note that classes start back for ALL 2nd year Confirmation students on January 6th at 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. We are strongly encouraging our Menard Confirmation students to attend these classes as well. If you have any questions, please call 445-7141 x 217. Thank you!

--Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

PARENTS OF CURRENT 10TH GRADERS please take note that our Confirmation Program has changed to a **one year program**. Registration for **2021-2022 11th graders** will begin in August. If you have already registered your child, everything will be saved until August 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 x 217.

ST. RITA ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY: January is the month for all members to renew their dues (dues are \$6.00 annually for anyone over the age of 62 and \$12.00 for anyone under 62). You may mail your dues to St. Rita Altar Society, 3822 Bayou Rapides Rd., Alexandria, LA 71303 or drop in collection basket marked St. Rita Altar and Rosary dues.

– Mrs. Belinda Guillory, President

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Court Desmond.

The Prayer Blankets are given to:

- Any adult or child with a physical or emotional illness.
- Individuals preparing for surgery or recovering from an acute illness.
- Individuals living with chronic conditions or in treatment for a life threatening illness.
- Anyone experiencing a crisis such as the loss of a loved one, loss of job, relationship Crisis, etc.....
- High risk pregnancy, miscarriage or neonatal Crisis.

You can pick up a prayer blanket from the church office during normal business hours. For more information contact, Mrs. Ona Wilson, 640-2159

HEART OF LOUISIANA CREDIT UNION: If you or any member of your family are parishioners of St. Rita Church, you are eligible to join Heart of Louisiana Credit Union. By joining you begin a lifetime of benefits. Your savings deposited earn dividends and loans can be made for any purpose. All deposits are insured up to \$100,000. Stop by any of our locations or call 473-4562 for more information.

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