

St. Rita Catholic Church

January 10, 2021
Baptism 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
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Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.

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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 DeKeyzer, 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.

ADOPT A TREE BLESSING

Saturday, January 16, 3:30 PM by the trees

INTERVIEWS FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 PM in 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 9

4:00 -Mass for Caleb 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

Monday, January 11

8:00 -Mass for Stanley Hanhart

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 - Mass for Jeri Brittan

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow
6:00 -CCD 2nd Grade Class (HFC)
6:00 -2nd Year Confirmation (HFC)

Thursday, January 14

8:00 -Mass for Anthony Samy Dharmaraj

Friday, January 15

8:00 -Mass for Mary Margaret Matassa, John & Faye Pontif, Shirley Rini

Saturday, January 16

4:00 -Mass for Jim Curley, Marvin Finney, Louise Hebert, Melvin Hicks, Toni Lynn Hogue, Robert Leonard, Evelyn M. LeBlanc, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Raymond Villemarette, Celestine Zangla, Frank Zangla, Frankie Zangla

6:00 -Mass for Tammie Swafford

Sunday, January 17

8:00 -Mass for Barbara Laborde

11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
2:00 -Spanish Mass for Wanda Burrows
5:30 -Mass for J.B. Burrows

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 Caleb Stroud by Cynthia Franks. 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: I Sm 3, 3-10, 19 Ps 39 (40), 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 9, 10 1 Cor 6, 13-15, 17-20 Jn 1, 35-42 Catechism 27-43

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of January 3	\$ 15,055.65
Online & EFT Gifts December 27	\$ 3,177.00
Short for the week of December 27	\$ 4,824.23
New Year's Day Collection	\$ 2,278.00

BLDG/Maintenance Fund January	\$ 310.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT January	\$ 75.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Anne Baron, Kayla McKern

OUR SICK: Gianna Benavides, Nap Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Girlie Mae Mathews, Cynthia Parker, Shirley Rothrock, Fr. Craig Scott, Kayla Spangler

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierre Allemond, Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Jason Garon, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, David Paulk, Mary Robichaux, Alisha Sylvia, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams, John Wilmore, 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., Zadi 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 Verzyvelt, 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 Peltó, 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.

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.

MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, January 23 at 6:00 PM Mass for all members of St. Rita Church who have died in 2020. Those to be remembered are Rebecca Alexander, Richard Allen Bailley, Hattie Beaudoin, Marge Branco, Helen Jerine Brittain, O'Neal Chadwick, Carmen Costa, Marie Elaine Dumas, Ronnie Hair, Ella Elizabeth James, Richard Joseph Love, Ronald Luneau, Lettie Rhea Michiels, Mary "Clemmie" Michiels, Earnest McGinnis Jr., Lucy Jane Nolan, Gerald Robichaux, Sr., Shirley Rini, Mary Nell Roberts, Gabriel Rodriguez, Buster Charles Saucier, Joyce Rita Scallan, Mary Jane Snow, Helen Violet Stoughtenger, Olita Urena, Mark Andrew Vandersypen, Raymond Villemarette, Roy Francis Walker, Sr. This Memorial Mass is sponsored by the St. Rita Bereavement ministry.

DISPLAY FOR MEMORIAL MASS: If you lost a loved one in 2020, we will have a table set up in the church foyer for you to display 1 (ONE) framed picture of your loved one. Please put your contact information on the picture, so that we can return to you. The table will be set up in the foyer next weekend, January 16.

2ND GRADE CCD RECONCILIATION INTERVIEWS on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 PM. Parents and children are required to be there.

2ND GRADE CCD SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is on Saturday, January 23 at 10:00 AM in Church. – Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION: Classes for ALL 2nd year Confirmation students are on Wednesdays 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. – 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.

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.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Council #1134 in their recent 30 for 30 Gun Raffle. It was a huge success and the funds raised will allow us to continue our support to the church, St. Rita parish and many organizations who request our help throughout the year. A special thanks to Fr. Raj and the parish staff for all their help.

–Mr. Phil Chatelain, Grand Knight

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

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.