

# St. Rita Catholic Church

January 17, 2021  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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.

## INTERVIEWS FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 PM in Holy Family Center*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Saturday, January 23, 10:00 AM in Church*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH ESPECIALLY THOSE REMEMBERED AT THE MEMORIAL MASS

*Saturday, January 23 at 6:00 PM, Mass will be Live Streamed*

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](http://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 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 Villemarete, 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

### Monday, January 18

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittan

### Tuesday, January 19

8:00 - Mass for Gerald Robichaux, Sr.

### Wednesday, January 20

8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider  
6:00 -CCD 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reconciliation Interviews (HFC)  
6:00 -2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation (HFC)

### Thursday, January 21

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow

### Friday, January 22

8:00 -Mass for Toney & Marie Carcara, Mary Margaret Matassa, Paul Miletello, Shirley Rini, Sid Rud

### Saturday, January 23

10:00 -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)  
4:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittan, Mary Margaret Matassa, Lettie Michiels, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Intention of Elbert Wiggins

6:00 -Mass for the Intention of Sally Eskew

### Sunday, January 24

8:00 -Mass for Diane Brinkhaus  
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish  
2:00 -Spanish Mass for George & Edna Rabalais  
5:30 -Mass for Stephen Ardoin

**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:** 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:** Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20 Catechism 144-165

## OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Average expenses for week</b>	<b>\$ 23,056.88</b>
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of January 10</b>	<b>\$ 15,586.00</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts January 10</b>	<b>\$ 7,507.00</b>
<b>Over for the week of January 10</b>	<b>\$ 36.12</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund January</b>	<b>\$ 1,190.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT January</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**OUR SICK:** Gabriel Johnson, Hannah Leslie, Matthew Leslie, Fr. Craig Scott, Allison Yetter

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Pierre Allemond, Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Gianna Benavides, Melissa Brouillette, Nap Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Jason Garon, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, Girlie Mae Mathews, Cynthia Parker, David Paulk, Mary Robichaux, Kayla Spangler 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, Benny David, Deborah Davidson, Edwina Deramus, Lenora Derbonne, Odean Deville, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Regina Dunn, Mary Ford, Linda Gauthier, Irma Gonzague, 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 Verzwylt, 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dbrown@strita.org). Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

**2020 TAX STATEMENTS** were sent out last Thursday. If we have your email address, your statement was emailed. 210 were mailed out. We emailed 431 statements, saving us \$215.50. If you would like to send your email address to us, please email [etta@strita.org](mailto:etta@strita.org). If you did not receive a statement, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Tuesday, January 26, 12:00 noon in the Holy Family Center.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King holiday.

**MISALETTES** are available on the round table in the church foyer. If you would like to take one home to follow the Mass on the Live Stream, please feel free to do so.

**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 Bailey, 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 Mass will be Live Streamed on our FaceBook page and our website.**

**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.

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

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

**2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR CONFIRMATION:** Classes for ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS** please take note that our Confirmation Program has changed to a **one year program**. Registration for **2021-2022 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**ST. RITA ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY:** January is the month for all members to renew their dues. Dues are \$5.00 annually. 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.