

St. Rita Catholic Church

January 24, 2021
Third 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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MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4
Website: <http://www.StRita.org> Check our website for individual email addresses.
Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.

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St. Rita Website



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.

**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.

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 23

4:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian, 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

Monday, January 25

8:00 -Mass for Alvin Michiels

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 - Mass for Katie Nasello

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian

6:00 -CCD 2nd Grade (HFC)

6:00 -2nd Year Confirmation (HFC)

Thursday, January 28

8:00 -Mass for J.B. Burrows

Friday, January 29

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

Saturday, January 30

4:00 -Mass for Jerry Bordelon, Marge Branco, Jim P. Curley,
Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux,
Mary Snow, Dwayne John Soileau, Raymond Villmarette,
Intention of Sheri Johnson

6:00 -Mass for Henry Ardoin

Sunday, January 17

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian

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

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Kyle Jordan

5:30 -Mass for Intention of Tommy Eskew

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory
of all deceased members of St. Rita Parish in 2020, by
the St. Rita Bereavement Committee. 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 were provided in
loving memory of Alvin Michiels by Betty Michiels. 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: Dt 18:15-20 Ps
95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28 Catechism 391-
395 or 1042-1050

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of January 17	\$ 12,106.50
Online & EFT Gifts January 17	\$ 11,797.00
Over for the week of January 17	\$ 846.62
BLDG/Maintenance Fund January	\$ 1,418.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT January	\$ 1,050.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Janet Braquet, Larry Robin, Jr.

OUR SICK: Barbara Cain, Gabriel Johnson, Matthew Leslie, Fr. Craig Scott

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Nap Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Jason Garon, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, Hannah Leslie, Girlie Mae Mathews, David Paulk, Mary Robichaux, Kayla Spangler Alisha Sylvia, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams, Ona Wilson, Allison Yetter

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 Verzwylt, Willie Voorhies, Jennifer Ann Walker, Sandra Walker, Veronica Walters, Betty Wilmore, Rivers Wilson, Marilyn Wilson, Pamela Wilson, Anita Woolley

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.

ATTENDING MASS: If you are not ill and you are able to attend Mass, I ask that you please try to attend Mass. If you want to attend a Mass that is less crowded, the 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday have low attendance. If you cannot attend Mass (*have not been exposed to Covid*) and would like a home visit from a priest, please call the office at 445-7120 and we can set up a visit. I look forward to meeting each of you. May God Bless you. – *Fr. Raj*

WEBSITE WWW.STRITA.ORG has a new look!!! We have redesigned our website, making it easier to navigate. Check it out at www.strita.org !!!

2020 TAX STATEMENTS were sent out Thursday, January 14. If we have your email address, your statement was emailed. If you would like to send your email address to us, please email 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.

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 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 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.

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*

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*

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will have their January meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021 by Conference Call at 5:00 PM. The phone number is 701-802-5462; Access Code - 3774531. All ladies are invited to join us. Any questions contact Mrs. Ona Wilson at 318 880-5245

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.