

St. Rita Catholic Church

February 7, 2021
Fifth 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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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.

QR Code for
OnLine Giving
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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

next Sunday at 11:00 Mass for those who celebrated an anniversary in 2020

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, February 6
4:00 -Mass for Melvin Hicks, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Gabe Rodriquez
6:00 -Mass for Marge Branco
Sunday, February 7
8:00 -Mass for Lois Brister
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
2:00 -Spanish Mass for Dena Flynn
5:30 -Mass for Jim Curley
Monday, February 8
8:00 -Mass for Virginia Dupre
Tuesday, February 9
8:00 - Mass for Jeri Brittian
Wednesday, February 10
8:00 -Mass for Intention of Scotty Franks
6:00 -CCD 2nd Grade Class (HFC)
6:00 -2nd Year Confirmation (HFC)
Thursday, February 11
8:00 -Mass for Robert Leonard
Friday, February 12
8:00 -Mass for Toney & Marie Carcara, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Sid Rud
Saturday, February 13
4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Jeri Brittian, Marvin Finney, Mary Margaret Matassa, Lettie Michiels, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Wayne Salard, Joe Serio, Raymond Villmarette, Charles "Judge" Wallace, J.J. & Una Wilson
6:00 -Mass for Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Richard Love
Sunday, February 14
8:00 -Mass for Paul Miletello
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
2:00 -Spanish Mass for Ronnie Crawford
5:30 -Mass for Henry Ardoin

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Lois Brister by Robert Brister and family. 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: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5:11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45 Catechism 1897-1904

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of January 31	\$ 13,812.00
Online & EFT Gifts January 31	\$ 4,372.00
Short for the week of January 31	\$ 4,872.88
BLDG/Maintenance Fund January	\$ 10,746.33
BLDG/Main Online & EFT January	\$ 1,125.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OURSICK: Donnie Bolton, Barbara Cain, Joan Connella, Marie Crooks, Fr. John Cunningham, Pat Curcio, Joe Despino, Janet Hurst, Leta Juneau, Josephine Marcotte, Fr. Craig Scott, Ricky Sooter, Charles Thiels, Sharon Yarbrough

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Nap Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Jason Garon, Gabriel Johnson, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, Matthew Leslie, Girlie Mae Mathews, David Paulk, Mary Robichaux, Kayla Spangler, 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, Vergie Clay, 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., Zadie Marcotte, Elaine Mathews, Joyce McGinty, Eliska Michiel, Monica Milling, George Moreau, Gladys Morris, Jane Ormsby, 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 !!!

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, February 9, 12:00 noon in the Holy Family Center.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers/families who are planning to attend the Way on the Cross on Fridays during Lent to help with the readings. Way of the Cross will be at 2:00 PM & 5:30 PM Fridays during lent. If you are interested, please call 445-7141 ext 214.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY will be held on Sunday, February 14 at the 11:00 Mass. Please join us in congratulating all our anniversary couples: **25 years;** Gregory and Diana Beavers, Russell and Ashia Branigan, Hanner and Rebecca Jeansonne, Jonathan and Misty Slayter; **40 years;** Patrick and Tina LaBorde, Leslie and Judy Stokes, Ronald and Linda Vidrine; **50 years;** C.F. and Susan Garon, Louis and Patricia Joseph, Adrian and Cynthia Parker, Jr., Francis and Brenda Tauzin, James and Sharon Yarbrough; **60 years;** Charles and Janet Thiels, John and Beverly Wilmore; **65 years;** Amos and Geraldine Lacaze; **70 years;** Gerald and Mary Robichaux. We pray for and thank all our married couples for the great witnesses they are in our community! Let us pray particularly for all those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE is not accepting any donations until March 1, 2021.

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*

LENT 2021

Masses Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM – 8:00 AM – 12:05 noon

4:00 PM – 6:00 AM

Ashes are distributed during Mass Only.

While Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation and while there is no requirement for the faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance, and many will surely wish to participate even amid the current difficulties.

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The priest will say the prayer for blessing the ashes. He will sprinkle the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. He will address all those present and only once say in general: “Repent and believe in the Gospel” Ashes will be placed on the forehead in the form of a cross with a Qtip, using a new Qtip for each person.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, we ask that you please volunteer to serve communion and also distribute the ashes.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday, 7:45 AM

LENTEN MISSION

March 1 - 4, 2021

7:00 - 8:00 PM

LENT PENANCE SERVICE

March 4, 7:00 PM

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.

RADIO MARIA 580 AM: Programs are devoted to prayers, Holy Mass, rosaries, Liturgy of the Hours, Christian formation, news, general culture, music, children and youth. Every program and the music converges toward the single goal of announcing the Gospel to the peoples of our time. Volunteers are always needed. For more information call 561-6145, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.