

# St. Rita Catholic Church

February 14, 2021  
Sixth 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  
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Dial Direct to Extensions: 445-7141  
Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., Pastor (ext 212)  
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Rev. David Braquet, Sacramental Assistance  
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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.

## CONGRATULATIONS to our 2020 Anniversary Couples

### LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS

IN PEWS THIS WEEKEND: *Please take one as the parish's gift to you!*

### LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Masses at 6:30 & 8:00 AM; 12:05, 4:00 & 6:00 PM; 8:00 PM in Spanish

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, 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

#### Monday, February 15

8:00 -Mass for Jim Hollier

#### Tuesday, February 16

8:00 - Mass for Wanda Burrows

#### Ash Wednesday, February 17

**ASHES ARE DISTRIBUTED DURING MASS ONLY!**

**Confessions are heard before all Masses!**

6:30 -Mass for Mary Snow  
8:00 -Mass for Marvin Finney  
8:30 -Priests to visit all Home Bound Shut-Ins  
12:05 -Mass for Jeri Brittian  
4:00 -Mass for Freddie Lavesphere  
6:00 -Mass for Caleb Stroud  
8:00 -Spanish Mass for Marge Branco

#### Thursday, February 18

8:00 -Mass for Katie Nasello

#### Friday, February 19

8:00 -Mass for Mary Margaret Matassa, John and Lena Rini, Shirley Rini, Sid Rud, Al Schexnaider

2:00 -Way of the Cross

5:30 -Way of the Cross

#### Saturday, February 20

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Marge Branco, Don Carter, Kaleb Clark, John P. Curley, Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Joe Serio, Mary Snow

6:00 -Mass for Emily & Terry Ardoin

#### Sunday, February 21

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian

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

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Laura Longo

5:30 -Mass for Stanley Hanhart

**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:** Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15 Catechism 2110-2159

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Average expenses for week</b>	<b>\$ 23,056.88</b>
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of February 7</b>	<b>\$ 12,388.50</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts February 7</b>	<b>\$ 7,532.00</b>
<b>Short for the week of February 7</b>	<b>\$ 3,136.38</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund February</b>	<b>\$ 115.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT Feb</b>	<b>\$ 830.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**OUR SICK:** Donnie Bolton, Pat Curcio, Joe Despino, Janet Hirsch, Fr. Craig Scott, Ricky Sooter

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Barbara Cain, Joan Connella, Marie Crooks, Jason Garon, Gabriel Johnson, Leta Juneau, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, Elaine Mathews, David Paulk, Hanna Smith, Kayla Spangler Alisha Sylvia, Charles Thiels, 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, Bennye 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 Verzwylvelt, 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.

**PARISH OFFICES** will be closed Monday, February 15 for President's Day Holiday.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** Today the Diocese of Alexandria begins its 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese and the universal church to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another. The ADA lets us act together as a family and to support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer alone. Your gift is very important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. Every registered household in the diocese will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Marshall. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you can give in support of our diocesan Church.

**COMMUNION & ASHES TO OUR SHUT - INS:** Fr. Raj, Fr. Braquet, Fr. LaFleur and Fr. Faulk will visit **Homebound shut-ins** on Ash Wednesday with communion and ashes.

**LENTEN COLLECTION:** As is our tradition, beginning Thursday, February 18 we will take a collection at the 8:00 AM weekday Masses throughout Lent for two important charities. The monies collected will be split equally between the following two ministries: **Malawi Mission in Africa and the Cenla Pregnancy Center in Alexandria**. If you do not attend weekday Masses and would like to make a donation, you may do so using a pew envelope and mark it Lent Collections.

**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.

**NEW ADDRESS, CELLPHONE # OR EMAIL ADDRESS?** If you have recently moved or changed your phone # or email address, please let us know by calling 445-7120 or email [etta@strita.org](mailto:etta@strita.org). You may also update your information on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org).

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** will be held this 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;** 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!

## 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.**

**LENTEN OBLIGATIONS::**  
**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal.**

**The other Fridays in the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.**

**It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent**

**KC DRIVE THRU FISH FRY:** KC Council #1134 is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, February 19, 4:30 - 6:30 in the Holy Family Center. Menu: Fried Fish (US Catfish), French Fries, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw. Cost \$8.00 per plate, take outs available.