

St. Rita Catholic Church

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

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
Sacristy: 448-9599
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4
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Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.

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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.

PARISH LENT MISSION

begins Monday March 1 - Thursday, March 4, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
attached flyer for details

KC #1138 FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 5 4:30 - 6:30 PM - DRIVE THRU ONLY

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 27

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Jim Curley, Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Melvin Hicks, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, George and Edna Rabalais, Shirley Rini, Joe Serio
6:00 -Mass for John & Faye Pontif

Sunday, February 28

8:00 -Mass for Pauline Crawford
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
2:00 -Spanish Mass for Freddie Lavesphere, Kaleb Clark
5:30 -Mass for Henry Ardoin

Monday, March 1

8:00 -Mass for Marge Branco

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow

Thursday, March 4

8:00 -Mass for Dewitt E. Roberts

Friday, March 5

8:00 -Mass for Toney and Marie Carcara, Mary Margaret Matassa, Paul Miletello, Shirley Rini, Charles Roberts, Sid Rud, Mary Alice Weston
2:00 -Way of the Cross
4:30 -KC Drive Thru Fish Fry until 6:30 PM
5:30 -Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Jeri Brittian, Don Carter, Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Virginia Dupre, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Lettie Michiels, Shirley Rini, Joe Serio, Raymond Villmarette
6:00 -Mass for Ludrick Labbe

Sunday, March 7

8:00 -Mass for George and Edna Rabalais
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
2:00 -Spanish Mass for Mary Snow
5:30 -Mass for Jim Curley

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 were provided in loving memory of Marvin Finney by Frances Finney and family; and Winfred G. Holt, Sr., by Patti Holt Williams. 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: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 Catechism 583-586

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88

Sunday Gifts the week of February 14	\$ 15,990.61
Sunday Gifts the week of February 21	\$ 8,178.16
Online & EFT Gifts February 14	\$ 2,947.00
Online & EFT Gifts February 21	\$ 7,877.00
Short for the week of February 14	\$ 4,119.27
Short for the week of February 21	\$ 7,001.72
Lenten Weekday Collection	\$ 200.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund February	\$ 485.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Feb	\$ 1,605.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ and to live as His disciples. The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His Body by supporting the ministries of the local Church and contributing to the ADA.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Larry Brossette, Edwina DeRamus

OUR SICK: Donnie Bolton, Cecilia Couvillion, Cynthia Parker, Fr. Craig Scott

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Jason Garon, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, David Paulk, Kayla Spangler Alisha Sylvia, Charles Thiels, 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, Jeanette 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, Randy Roaix, 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.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION: This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. It supports parish life and catechesis, evangelization, Catholic education, and vocations in Black and Indian Missions across the United States. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop it in the collection basket. Please give generously.

ALMSGIVING “Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins” (Sirach 3:29). And, Jesus said, “But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you” (Matthew 6:3-4). In this Lenten season there will be several appeals made to you for “alms.” Such giving is above and beyond a tithe. Options are presented so that your heart will be moved by that one program or thing which you feel you wish to support. This then is an important spiritual tool for your Lenten journey and not “fund-raising.”

LENTEN COLLECTION: As is our tradition, 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.

EASTER FLOWER FUND: Remember your loved ones by donating to the Easter flower fund. A list of the donors and names of those to be remembered will be published the Sunday after Easter. Easter flowers are \$15; make checks payable to St. Rita Altar and Rosary Society. *This fund is used to cover the cost of decorating the church beginning Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. Any excess funds are used for altar flowers during the year.* You may use the Easter Flower Offering envelope in your monthly packet or an Easter Flower envelope located in the hymnal racks in the pews and drop it in the collection basket. *Please print the names clearly on your envelope!!*

2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 or 70th wedding anniversary in 2021, we would like to honor you on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the 11:00 Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage from the Holy Father, Pope Francis. If you would like to participate, please call the Church Office at 445-7141 ext 214. We have to order the blessing early. Deadline for calling is July 1, 2021.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE BAG SALE beginning March 2 thru the month of March. Anything you can fit in a brown paper bag for \$5.00. Store is located at 1210 Bolton Ave and the hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

LENT 2021

Weekday Masses during Lent:
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am

Morning Prayer:
Monday - Friday, 7:45 am

Way of the Cross:
Fridays, 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm

LENT PARISH MISSION
Monday, March 1 - Thursday, March 4
with Parish Penance Service, Thursday, March 4
7:00 - 8:00 pm each night

FRIDAY FISH FRIES
during Lent
DRIVE THRU/TAKE OUT ONLY
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26
4:30 - 6:30 pm
\$8.00 a plate : US Catfish, French Fries,
Hush Puppies, Coleslaw
FRONT DOORS Holy Family Center
sponsored by the KC Council #1134
(no Fish Fry on Good Friday)