

St. Rita Catholic Church

March 7, 2021
Third 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
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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 DeKeyzer, 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

Monday March 15 - Thursday, March 18, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

KC #1138 FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 12

4:30 - 6:30 PM - DRIVE THRU ONLY, NO WALK UPS PLEASE

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.

PHASE 3 COVID: We will no longer be counting attendance or taking temperatures before Masses. We will still have Crowd Managers to insure that EVERYONE is wearing a mask and social distancing. We will still sanitize after all functions at St. Rita.

Even if you have received the COVID shot, you are still 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.

We want to thank everyone for their continued patience with us as we follow the guidelines set by the State of Louisiana.
-Fr. Raj

Saturday, March 6

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Jeri Brittan, 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 & 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

Monday, March 8

8:00 -Mass for Marvin Finney

Tuesday, March 9

8:00 - Mass for Ludrick Labbe

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow
6:00 -CCD 2nd Grade (HFC)
6:00 -Confirmation (HFC)

Thursday, March 11

8:00 -Mass for Katie Nasello

Friday, March 12

- 8:00 -Mass for Fred Geisel, Mary Margaret Matassa, Paul Miletello, John & Lena Rini, Shirley Rini
- 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 13

- 4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Kaleb Clark, Leon and Myrtis Daigre, James Dekeyzer, Freddie Lavesphere, Robert Leonard, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Wayne Salard, Joe Serio
- 6:00 -Mass for Marge Branco

Sunday, March 14

- 8:00 -Mass for Tammy Swafford
- 11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
- 2:00 -Spanish Mass for Jeri Brittain
- 5:30 -Mass for Robert Vohrer

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 Leon and Myrtis Daigre and Richard Love by Linda Love. 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: Chr 36:14-21, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of February 28	\$ 15,980.75
Online & EFT Gifts February 28	\$ 5,662.00
Short for the week of February 28	\$ 1,414.13
Lenten Weekday Collection	\$ 1,158.44
BLDG/Maintenance Fund February	\$ 1,355.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Feb	\$ 1,680.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Jesus did not do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in his mission. Jesus challenged and supported his disciples – at times gently chiding them, or reaching out a hand to help, and at times demanding a lot from them. Our Lord walks with us but he also challenges us to be good disciples by supporting the universal Church. Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely or ourselves – our time, talent and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the annual Diocesan Appeal acceptance?

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: James Robert Michael

OUR SICK: Donnie Bolton, Theresa Deselle, Jason Garon, Fr. Craig Scott

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Cecilia Couvillion, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, Cynthia Parker, 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 Gonzalez, 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. 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.

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.

1ST ANNUAL ST. RITA GOLF CLASSIC benefitting the Youth Groups will be held Friday, April 23 at Oak Wing Golf Club. All funding will go toward the formation and catechization of all youth activities and include activity fees. Tournament format is 4-person scramble, each team member will pay an entry fee of \$125 and includes one mulligan.

Sponsorships available: Golf Cart Screen Ad \$25; Tee Box Sponsor \$150; Team Play \$500, includes team registration; Team Sponsorship Package \$600, includes team registration and 1 teebox ad. (\$50 savings); Title sponsor \$2,500. Lunch and check-in at 12:00 p.m. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. To register or buy a sponsorship contact Judy Dekeyzer at (318) 201-8385 or jdekeyzer@strita.org

DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP!! The St. Rita App is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Our App allows us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to

messages or RSVP for events!

So be sure to download the App by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's App store.

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.

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 15 - Thursday, March 18
with Parish Penance Service,
Thursday, March 18
6:00 - 7:00 pm each night

FRIDAY FISH FRIES
DRIVE THRU/TAKE OUT ONLY
NO WALKUPS

March 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)