

St. Rita Catholic Church

March 14, 2021
Fourth 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!
Don't forget to spring forward this weekend!

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
will meet this Sunday, after 5:30 PM Mass in the Holy Family Center

PARISH LENT MISSION
begins this Monday March 15 - Thursday, March 18, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
PENANCE SERVICE, THURSDAY, MARCH 18

KC #1138 FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 19
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 13

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Kaleb Clark, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, James Dekeyzer, Swayne John Gauthier, 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 Brittian

5:30 -Mass for Robert Vohrer

Monday, March 15

8:00 -Mass for Shirley Rini

6:00 -PARISH MISSION

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 - Mass for Gerald Robichaux

6:00 -PARISH MISSION

Wednesday, March 17

8:00 -Mass for Kyle and Tonya Jordin

6:00 -PARISH MISSION

6:00 -NO CCD 2nd Grade (HFC)

6:00 -NO Confirmation (HFC)

Thursday, March 18

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow

6:00 -PARISH MISSION with PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, March 19

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian, Don Carter, Mary Margaret Matassa, John and Faye Pontif, Shirley Rini, Sid Rud, Al Schexnaider

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 20

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Jim Curley, Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Marvin Finney, Melvin Hicks, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Lettie Michiels, George & Edna Rabalais, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Sr., Joe Serio, Charles "Judge" Wallace

6:00 -Mass for Pauline Crawford

Sunday, March 21

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian

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

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Henry Ardoin

5:30 -Mass for Houston, Lucille, and Paul Dunn

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: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn12:20-33 Catechism 606-618

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of March 7	\$ 15,958.00
Online & EFT Gifts March 7	\$ 5,860.00
Short for the week of March 7	\$ 1,238.88
Lenten Weekday Collection	\$ 1,919.44
BLDG/Maintenance Fund Mar	\$ 415.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Mar	\$ 680.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church." Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contributions and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Jane Ormsby, Bernadine Rachal, Rickey Sooter

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

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Donnie Bolton, 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, 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, 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet, or a pew envelope marked Catholic Relief and drop in the collection basket. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH will begin meeting on Sunday, March 14 after the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday. All Jr. High and High School youth are invited to attend. For more information, call Julie DeKeyzer at 201-8385.

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. All deposits are insured up to \$100,000. Stop by any of our locations or call 473-4562 for more information.

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 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)