

St. Rita Catholic Church

March 21, 2021
Fifth 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
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Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.

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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.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

meet on Sunday's, after 5:30 PM Mass in the Holy Family Center

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, NEXT WEEKEND!

*We WILL NOT gather in the Courtyard this year due to Covid
Crowd Managers and Ushers will distribute the Palms*

KC #1138 FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 26

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 20

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

6:00 -Mass for Pauline Crawford

Sunday, March 21

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittan

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

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Henry Ardoin
 5:30 -Mass for Houston, Lucille, & Paul Dunn

Monday, March 22

8:00 -Mass for Shirley Rini

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 - Mass for Ludrick Labbe

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittan

6:00 -CCD 2nd Grade (HFC)

4:00 -Confirmation Practice (Church)

Thursday, March 25

8:00 -Mass for Marge Branco

Friday, March 26

8:00 -Mass for Toney & Marie Carrara, Josephine Dekeyzer, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Mary Snow, Ernest Van Gossen

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 27

4:00 -Mass for Larry Brossett, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Edwina DeRamus, W.C. Johnson, Jr., Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Raymond Villmarette, J.J. & Una Wilson

6:00 -Mass for Emily & Terry Ardoin

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday

8:00 -Mass for Freddie Lavesphere, Kaleb Clark

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

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Stephen Ardoin

5:30 -Mass for U.J. Henry

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 Jean Fezell Wehrle by Dennie 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: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 38:Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His Own Son.” Jesus’ death was God’s greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life! Are my

gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God’s greatest gift to us.

St. Rita ADA Goal for 2021: **\$89,788.00**
Pledged to date: **\$33,885.00**
Paid to date: **\$31,019.70**

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of March 14	\$ 13,346.00
Online & EFT Gifts March 14	\$ 2,992.00
Short for the week of March 14	\$ 6,718.88
Lenten Weekday Collection	\$ 2,479.67
BLDG/Maintenance Fund Mar	\$ 675.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Mar	\$ 1,320.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: John Marzullo, Rickey Sooter

OUR SICK: Theresa Deselle, Jason Garon

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, Fr. Craig Scott, 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 Gonzaque, 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., Zadic 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 Verzwylvel, 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.

1ST COMMUNION MASS for 2nd grade students will be held on Saturday, April 17th at the 6:00 PM Mass. **Practice for 1st Communion is Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 PM in church.** For more information, contact Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

CONFIRMATION MASS for 11th grade students will be held on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 PM. **Practice for Confirmation will be on Wednesday, March 24 at 4:00 PM in church. ALL Confirmation candidates MUST attend practice.** For more information, call Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

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; Hole Sponsor \$150; Team Play \$500, includes team registration; Team Sponsorship Package \$600, includes team registration and 1 Hole Sponsor 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 Julie DeKeyzer at (318) 201-8385 or jdekeyzer@strita.org

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH meet on Sundays, 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.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, April 8 at 5:30 PM at Tunk's for dinner. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. RSVP to Belinda Guillory at 290-7709.

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

**FRIDAY FISH FRIES
DRIVE THRU/TAKE OUT ONLY
NO WALKUPS**

March 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)