

# St. Rita Catholic Church

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

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*

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Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., Pastor (ext 212)  
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#### 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.

## HAPPY EASTER!!!

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).

**PHASE 3 COVID: 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

#### Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 3

3:00 -Confessions  
8:00 -Mass of Vigil: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist  
-Mass intention for all living and deceased members of the parish

#### Easter Sunday, April 4

**Eucharist is not present for adoration in the Chapel until after the 11:00 AM Mass**

8:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish  
9:30 -(HFC) Mass for all living and deceased members of the

parish  
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish  
2:00 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish  
5:30 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish  
6:30 -NO Jr. High & High School Youth meet (HFC)  
**Monday, April 5**  
8:00 -Mass for Henry Ardoin  
**Tuesday, April 6**  
8:00 - Mass for Jim Curley  
**Wednesday, April 7**  
8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow  
**Thursday, April 8**  
8:00 -Mass for Katie Nasello  
**Friday, April 9**  
8:00 -Mass for Don Carter, Mary Margaret Matassa, John and Faye Pontif, Andrew Ricaud, Shirley Rini  
**Saturday, April 10**  
4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Melvin Hicks, Robert Leonard, Richard Love, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Lettie Michiels, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Wayne Salard, Joe Serio, Charles "Judge" Wallace  
6:00 -Mass for Marge Branco  
**Sunday, April 11**

8:00 -Mass for Kathy Hutchinson  
 11:00 -Mass for the parish  
 2:00 -Spanish Mass for Wanda Burrows  
 5:30 -Mass for Jim Curley  
 6:30 -Jr. High & High School Youth meet (HFC)

<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund Mar</b>	<b>\$ 2,210.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT Mar</b>	<b>\$ 1,570.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**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. The Easter Flower Memorial list will be in next week's bulletin.**

**OURSICK:** Kenneth Antee, Jacob Deville, Jason Garon, Gerrie Holt, Joanne Michiels, Myrtis Peychaud

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Theresa Deselle, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, David Paulk, Kayla Spangler Alisha Sylvia, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams, Ona Wilson

**ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS** were provided in loving memory of Gerald Robichaux by Mary Robichaux and family. 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.

**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., 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 Verzwylt, Willie Voorhies, Jennifer Ann Walker, Sandra Walker, Veronica Walters, Betty Wilmore, Rivers Wilson, Marilyn Wilson, Pamela Wilson, Anita Wooley

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Please note that the St. Pius X Adoration Chapel will be closed beginning on Holy Thursday at 8:00 AM until after the 11:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.

**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, 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](mailto:dbrown@strita.org). Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:** Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31 Catechism 651-655

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

**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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)

Today is our parish's 2021 Annual Diocesan in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marchall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily, parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church.

**St. Rita ADA Goal for 2021: \$89,788.00**  
**Pledged to date: \$46,647.00**  
**Paid to date: \$40,564.50**  
**Donors to date: 147**

**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.

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	
<b>Average expenses for week</b>	<b>\$ 23,056.88</b>
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of March 28</b>	<b>\$ 12,030.04</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts March 28</b>	<b>\$ 3,822.00</b>
<b>Short for the week of March 28</b>	<b>\$ 7,204.84</b>
<b>Lenten Weekday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,815.47</b>

**INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION:** “Come follow me”, Christ challenged His Disciples. They did, and men have accepted the challenge and followed Christ in His priesthood to this day. Having left family, when their health fails our priests must turn for assistance to the people they have served. And the cost of medical care continues to rise. The Infirm Priests Fund looks to the generosity of the laity of the Diocese for its resources. In gratitude, the priests who receive help respond in prayer for your needs as they continue to accept Christ’s challenge, “Come follow me”.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is April 11 and you are invited to join us at 3:00 PM in the Holy Family Center as we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet Everyone is invited to attend!

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION MASS** for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the 6:00 PM Mass. **Practice for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 PM. For more information, call Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

**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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:jdekeyzer@strita.org)

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

**SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who supported the KC Fish Fries during lent. We had a great year and the proceeds will allow the KC’s to assist even more of those in need. A special thanks to Fr. Raj and the parish staff for their support.

–Mr. Phil Chatelain – Grand Knight

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**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, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

