

St. Rita Catholic Church

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

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

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St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ



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Dial Direct to Extensions: 445-7141

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

9:30 AM SUNDAY MASS added back to schedule this weekend!!!
BULLETINS CAN NOW BE FOUND IN THE BULLETIN RACKS.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

join us at 3:00 pm this Sunday in the HFC as we recite the Chaplet

CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 PM

1st Communion for 2nd Grade Students

Saturday, April 17 at the 6:00 PM Mass

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: 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

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

9:30 -Mass for Shirley Rini

11:00 -Mass for the parish

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Wanda Burrows

3:00 -Divine Mercy Chaplet (HFC)

5:30 -Mass for Jim Curley

6:30 -Jr. High & High School Youth meet (HFC)

Monday, April 12

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittan

Tuesday, April 13

8:00 - Mass for Shirley Rini

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 -Mass for Marge Branco

6:00 -Confirmation

Thursday, April 15

8:00 -Mass for Alice Henry

Friday, April 16

8:00 -Mass for Toney and Marie Carcara, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Sid Rud, Mary Snow

Saturday, April 17

4:00 -Mass for Larry Brossett, Jerome & Josephine Dekeyzer, Edwina DeRamus, Daniel Difulco, Marvin Finney, W.C. Johnson, Jr., Mary Margaret Matassa, Bernadine Rachal, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Ricky Sooter

6:00 -Mass for Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Richard Love
-1st Communion for 2nd Graders

Sunday, April 18

8:00 -Mass for George & Edna Rabalais

9:30 -Mass for Jason Garon

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

2:00 -Spanish Mass for Daniel Difulco

5:30 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Freddie Lavesphere

6:30 -Jr. High & High School Youth meet (HFC)

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.**

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: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48 Catechism 645-646

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." 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: \$57,332.00
Paid to date: \$52,449.50
Donors to date: 154

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of April 4	\$ 17,196.50
Online & EFT Gifts April 4	\$ 5,122.00
Short for the week of April 4	\$ 738.38
Lenten Weekday Collection	\$ 5,400.47
BLDG/Maintenance Fund April	\$ 400.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT April	\$ 150.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Jason Garon

OUR SICK: Kenneth Antee, Jacob Deville, Gerrie Holt, Gina Lachney, Joanne Michiels, Myrtis Psychaud, Melvalyn Terrell

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

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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to all who received the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter. We rejoice in the Lord with you! Our prayers and support are with you as you join us in growing ever closer to the Risen Lord in your daily lives.

SPECIAL THANKS: Our Holy Week and Easter Masses and services were beautiful and inspirational! Many thanks to Mrs. Melva Villard, Music Director and Mrs. Julie DeKeyzer, Cantor and all who helped us raise our hearts and minds to God through their music! Many thanks to the Parish Staff and the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society for the beautiful Easter decor in our Church, and our *Confirmation Class* for their participation in the Holy Thursday *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*.

I also want to thank all of our Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Servers who offered themselves in service during Holy Week. As you know, there is a lot of "behind the scenes" work that occurs prior to the celebration of the *Easter Triduum* and *Easter Day*. Our liturgies include a lot of planning and participation from many, and I know God rewards our efforts! – Fr. Raj

SPECIAL THANKS to all who donated to the **LENTEN COLLECTION:** We collected \$5,400.47 and the monies collected will be split equally between the following two ministries: *Malawi Mission in Africa* and the *Cenla Pregnancy Center in Alexandria*. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Everyone is invited to attend!

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. For more information, call Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS: All graduating seniors are invited to attend the senior Mass on Sunday, May 2 at 5:30 PM Mass. Please wear your graduation gown from your school. **For more information contact Mrs. Julie DeKeyzer at 445-7141 ext 213.**

WE NEED::::ALTAR SERVERS!!

If you have a child in grade 3 and up, please sign them up to Altar Serve at the Mass you attend. Please call Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217, she will have a training session for them.

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