

# St. Rita Catholic Church

April 18, 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

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

Church Office: 445-7120; FAX: 448-0704  
Religious Education: 445-7141 ext 217  
St. Vincent de Paul: 473-0887  
Sacristy: 448-9599  
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4  
Website: <http://www.StRita.org> Check our website for individual email addresses.  
Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.



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)  
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.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNICANTS

**9:30 AM SUNDAY MASS added back to schedule!!!**

***BULLETINS CAN NOW BE FOUND IN THE BULLETIN RACKS.***

**6:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY WILL MOVE BACK TO 5:30 PM  
SPANISH MASS ON SUNDAY WILL MOVE BACK TO 12:30 pm  
beginning the weekend of May 1 & 2**

**ST. RITA GOLF CLASSIC, next FRIDAY APRIL 23**

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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

**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

**Sunday, April 18**

- 8:00 -Mass for George & Edna Rabalais  
 9:30 -Mass for Jason Garon  
 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita 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)

**Monday, April 19**

- 8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider

**Tuesday, April 20**

- 8:00 - Mass for Gerald Robichaux

**Wednesday, April 21**

- 8:00 -Mass for Andrew Henry

**Thursday, April 22**

- 8:00 -Mass for Wanda Burrows

**Friday, April 23**

- 8:00 -Mass for Mary Margaret Matassa, John and Lena Rini, Shirley Rini

**Saturday, April 24**

- 4:00 -Mass for Don Carter, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Edwina DeRamus, Richard Love, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Jane Ormsby, Shirley Rini, J.J. & Una Wilson  
 6:00 -Mass for Emily & Terry Ardoin

**Sunday, April 25**

- 8:00 -Mass for Brenda Hirsch  
 9:30 -Mass for Larry Brossett  
 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita parish  
 2:00 -Spanish Mass for Wanda Burrows  
 5:30 -Mass for Robert Vohrer  
 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.**

**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:** Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18 Catechism 857-896

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal last weekend. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA, there are pledge envelopes available in each pew. Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of the Diocese.

**St. Rita ADA Goal for 2021: \$89,788.00**  
**Pledged to date: \$65,105.00**  
**Paid to date: \$58,239.30**  
**Donors to date: 166**

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Average expenses for week</b>	<b>\$ 23,056.88</b>
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of April 11</b>	<b>\$ 14,335.08</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts April 11</b>	<b>\$ 3,062.00</b>
<b>Short for the week of April 11</b>	<b>\$ 5,659.80</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund April</b>	<b>\$ 655.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT April</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:** Lizzie Belgard, Aline F. Johnson, Elaine Mathews

**OUR SICK:** Jackie Haskins, Gerrie Holt, Gina Lachney, Joey Mathews, Joanne Michiels, Myrtis Peychaud, Melvalyn Terrell

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Kenneth Antec, 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, Lela Bordelon, Nellie Bordelon, Theresa Bordelon, Shirley Bost, Ray Broussard, Jennie Buckoski, Joyce Carmouche, Vergie Clay, Carol Clement, Aline Cicardo, Connie Couvillion, Benny 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, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Joyce Laborde, Gerald Lachney, Iris Ruth LeJeune, Josephine Marcotte, Otride Marcotte, Jr., Zadi Marcotte, 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. 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.

**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”.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI** who were confirmed on Wednesday, April 14 by Bishop Ronald Marshall. Those students confirmed were Laura Ajlani, Hunter Bonnette, Caroline Bordelon, Emma Brinkman, Olivia Close, Parker Constantino, Michael Consenza, Anna Deselle, Alaina Fairbanks, Haley Gaspard, Joshua Harmson, Emily Harrington, Daniel Jeansonne, Landon Juneau, Claire LaCaze, Michael Lacombe, Sydney Landry, Hannah Leslie, Artashia Newton, Frida Sierra, Garrett Smith, Keevin Trahan, Bailey Travis, Megan Turner and Jules Whittle.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNICANTS** who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on Saturday, April 17 at the 6:00 PM Mass. Those receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> communion were: Ariel Antezana, Matthew Crotty, Jr., Timothy Enger, Madelyn Fontanille, Cale Givens, Logan Grimes, Kynslee Harrington, Gillian Payne, Alyssa Prevot, Reed Puckett, Eli Soileau, Wilson Vailles, Walter Vanderlick, Camille Velotta and David Voelker. Special thanks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Nicole Glanker and Lilly Glanker.

**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 consider signing your child 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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** were sent out last week. If we have your email address, yours went to your email address, otherwise the statements were mailed. 400 statements were emailed, saving \$200!!!

If you did not receive your statement, please call Ms. Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210 or email [etta@strita.org](mailto:etta@strita.org).

**ON LINE GIVING** where you can create or alter your contribution schedule at any time. You can also see reports of your contribution history that you can use for your records. By clicking the “OnLine Giving” link at [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org) you can take care your contributions yourself.

**EFT Electronic Funds Transfer** directly from your bank accounts or your credit/debit card.

**EFT** offers many benefits to the church and you, the parishioner. Scheduling EFT contributions allows the church to benefit by having a better prediction of contributions and reducing administrative tasks and costs. EFT transactions can be scheduled weekly on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of the month and allows you to make a contribution even if you are unable to attend a service.

To sign up for EFT, call 613-4460 and Etta can take care of setting everything up for you *Mrs. Etta Ohrt*

**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)