

St. Rita Catholic Church

May 2, 2021
Fifth 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

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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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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.

6:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY MOVED BACK TO 5:30 PM
SPANISH MASS ON SUNDAY MOVED BACK TO 12:30 pm
this weekend!!

KC COUNCIL #1134 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
this weekend after all Masses

MAY CROWNING
next weekend after the 9:30 AM Mass in the Courtyard

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.

—Fr. Raj

Saturday, May 1

4:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian, Larry Brossett, Don Carter, Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Edwina DeRamus, Houston, Lucille & Paul Dunn, Robert Leonard, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, George & Edna Rabalais, Shirley Rini, Mary Snow

5:30 -Mass for Pauline Crawford

Sunday, May 2

8:00 -Mass for Jeri Brittian

9:30 -Mass for Laura Longo

11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish

12:30 -Spanish Mass for JB Burrows

5:30 -Mass for Houston & Lucille Dunn, Paul Dunn
 6:30 -Jr. High & High School Youth meet (HFC)

Monday, May 3

8:00 -Mass for Shirley Rini

Tuesday, May 4

8:00 - Mass for Jim Curley

Wednesday, May 5

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow

Thursday, May 6

8:00 -Mass for Marge Branco

Friday, May 7

8:00 -Mass for Toney & Marie Carcara, Daniel Difulco, Gerald Leglue, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Paul Miletello, Shirley Rini

Saturday, May 8

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Larry Brossett, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Edwina DeRamus, Marvin Finney, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley Rini, Gerald Robichaux, Wayne Salard, Joe Serio, Charles "Judge" Wallace

5:30 -Mass for Ricky Sooter

Sunday, May 9

8:00 -Mass for all living and deceased Mothers

9:30 -Mass for all living and deceased Mothers

10:30 -May Crowning (Courtyard)

11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita parish

12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living and deceased Mothers

5:30 -Mass for all living and deceased Mothers

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

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Katie Nasello by Mary Covington and Frances Taylor. 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 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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17 Catechism 1878-1889

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of April 25	\$ 15,462.93
Online & EFT Gifts April 25	\$ 6,672.00
Short for the week of April 25	\$ 921.95
BLDG/Maintenance Fund April	\$ 1,575.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT April	\$ 1,125.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

St. Rita ADA Goal for 2021: \$89,788.00
Pledged to date: \$79,549.00
Paid to date: \$71,846.70
Donors to date: 205

GOSPEL REFLECTION – Priests for Life

God makes no Distinctions

On February 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a talk to the Pontifical Academy for Life:

“The sacred books, in fact, set out to show God's love for every human being even before he has been formed in his mother's womb.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1: 5), God said to the Prophet Jeremiah. And the Psalmist recognizes with gratitude: "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps 139[138]: 13-14).

These words acquire their full, rich meaning when one thinks that God intervenes directly in the creation of the soul of every new human being.

God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1: 26) in each one.

He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose... before the foundation of the world.... He destined us in love to be his sons... according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1: 4-6)."

OUR SICK: Pam Feazell, Joyce Gamble, Gerrie Holt, Gina Lachney, Aubrey Melancon

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Jackie Haskins, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, David Paulk, Myrtis Psychaud, Larry Robin, Kayla Spangler, Alisha Sylvia, Melvalyn Terrell 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, 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, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Joyce Laborde, Gerald Lachney, Iris Ruth LeJeune, Josephine Marcotte, Otride Marcotte, Jr., Zadie 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 Verzwylt, 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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday, May 5, 12:00 noon in the Moreau Room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday, May 12, 12:00 noon in the Holy Family Center.

SPECIAL THANKS to Stan Fryer for the many, many years of volunteering as a sacristan. Stan is retiring and told us he will be sleeping in on Sunday mornings! Thank you again for your service and dedication, enjoy your retirement!!
—Fr. Raj

1ST ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC was a HUGE success. We made a profit of \$15,112.40. Proceeds will go to our youth group. Thanks to everyone who helped make this fund raiser a success. **Please refer to the thank you on the back of the bulletin, and support the businesses who supported us with this fund raiser!!**

—Fr. Raj, Mrs. Julie DeKeyzer & Golf Committee

MAY CROWNING on Sunday, May 9 after 9:30 AM Mass. We are inviting all parishioners, especially our second grade class who just made their 1st Communion. Please bring your flowers any time over the weekend and place them in the buckets that are around the Mary Statue on the Courtyard. —Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

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.**

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN:

This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Alexandria to fund our communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop it in the collection basket.

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. Deadline is July 1, 2021.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE is not accepting donations at this time. They will start accepting donations again on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. For more information, call 473-0887.

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