

St. Rita Catholic Church

May 9, 2021
Sixth 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



St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
The hands and heart of Christ

Church Office: 445-7120; FAX: 448-0704
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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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A Special Blessing and Gift for our mothers at all Masses!

MAY CROWNING

this 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 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)

Monday, May 10

8:00 -Mass for Jim Hollier

Tuesday, May 11

8:00 - Mass for Jeri Brittan

Wednesday, May 12

8:00 -Mass for Larry Robin, Jr.

Thursday, May 13

8:00 -Mass for Katie Nasello

Friday, May 14

8:00 -Mass for Daniel Difulco, Belle Gates, Mary Margaret Matassa, Jane Ormsby, John & Lena Rini,

Shirley Rini, Sid Rud

Saturday, May 15

4:00 -Mass for Don Carter, Kaleb Clark, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Edwina DeRamus, W.C. Johnson, Jr., Freddie Lavesphere, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, John Marzullo, Gerald Robichaux, Shirley Rini

5:30 -Mass for Henry Ardoin

Sunday, May 16

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow

9:30 -Mass for Belle Gates

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for Edna Rabalais

5:30 -Mass for Robert Vohrer

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

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Inez Crooks and Lucille Yancey by Frank and Marie Crooks. 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 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:7-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 mk 16:15-20 Catechism 737-741

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of May 2	\$ 13,896.00
Online & EFT Gifts May 2	\$ 1,342.00
Short for the week of May 2	\$ 7,818.88
BLDG/Maintenance Fund May	\$ 380.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT May	\$ 1,125.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

St. Rita ADA Goal for 2021:	\$89,788.00
Pledged to date:	\$81,473.00
Paid to date:	\$73,738.95
Donors to date:	212

GOSPEL REFLECTION – Priests for Life
A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

For more prayers, see www.PrayerCampaign.org.

OUR SICK: Vernon Champagne, Pat DeKeyzer, Pam Fezell, Gerrie Holt, Aubrey Melancon, Sam Rini, Larry Robin, Cyndee Whittington

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Joyce Gamble, Jackie Haskins, Richard Juneau, Gina Lachney, James Laborde, David Paulk, Myrtis Peychaud, Larry Robin, Kayla Spangler, Alisha Sylvia, Melvalyn Terrell 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 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 Peltó, 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.

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

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (RCIA)—If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, please call Mrs. Julie DeKeyzer at 445-7141 ext. 15. We are glad to work within your schedule and help you in any way to become a Catholic. Come and talk to us.

—Mrs. Julie DeKeyzer

MAY CROWNING on Sunday, May 9 after 9:30 AM Mass. We are inviting all parishioners to participate. 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

CCD for the 2021-2022 School Year! Registration is now open on our website, www.strita.org for grades PK thru 6th grade! We will be going back to face to face classes starting in September 8, 2021 and we hope to see everyone back! Call 445-7141 x 217 if you have any questions. —Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

CONFIRMATION 2021 Registration is now OPEN! Our confirmation program is now a ONE year program for students that are entering their JUNIOR year. Classes will begin in September 8, 2021. Face to face confirmation classes will now include BOTH Menard and public school students. Please visit our website and register today! —Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

VBS Registration COMING SOON! We are so excited to be able to offer VBS this summer! The dates are July 12-16 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for students entering PK thru 6th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like to volunteer as a TEACHER, please call 445-7141 x 217. There will be a sign up for TEEN volunteers at a later time. Thank You!

—Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

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 LECTOR MEETING! ALL CURRENT and FUTURE lectors will meet on May 18th at 5:30 PM in the church. We will be introducing a couple of new procedures and going over any questions anyone might have. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please call 445-7141 x 217.

—Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

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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