

in Ordinary Time

"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13

# SAINT RITA PARISH

### **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m. Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &

6:45-7:15 p.m.



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### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK $\ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}$

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

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Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

#### **BAPTISM SEMINAR**

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

#### **SARAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

#### **FUNERALS**

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

#### **NEWCOMERS**

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out an application in the binder at the front entrance of the church.

### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. Nov. 11, 4:00 pm Dale St. John

Dennis Estay Catherine Perilloux
Sonny Landry Peter Vallelungo
Gary Boihem Virginia Carrecca

Donald Makofsky Pat Geier

Departed members of the Knights of Columbus

Gilbert D. Marsiglia, Sr. Rosemary Zuppardo—Birthday Blessings

Rob Binney—Healing J. Gayle Calongne
Barbara Brehm Calongne Julie Ann Calongne
Geraldine C. Feugas Dorothy V. Calongne

Sunday Nov. 12, 7:30 am Monica Flick 9:30 am Victor Marsiglia

Bernice, Clarence, Jerry Foti, Tommy, Marc & Thomas Bittel

Paul Wang, Sr. Mary Ann McKearan Randy Blaise John Robert Illg, Sr.

Fr. Mark Beard Rose Velez
Fr. Albert Villosillo Gail P. Brown
Bernice Peuler Diane Holzenthal

11:30 am Clarence Orgeron

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Nov. 13, 7:00 am Lily & Arthur West

8:30 am John & Eva Krieger Jr.

Tues. Nov. 14, 7:00am Pat Geier

8:30 am Lewis Landry—Healing

Wed. Nov. 15, 7:00am Diane Holzenthal

8:30 am Teckla & John Krieger Sr.

Thurs. Nov. 16, 7:00 am Debbie Danner—healing

8:30 am Blanche Yates

Fri Nov.17, 7:00 am Pearl & Tony Flanga

8:30 am Victor Marsiglia

Sat. Nov. 18, 8:30 am

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Louis Jung, Jr. Bernard Engert



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Scripture Readings For the Week of November 12, 2023

**Sunday** Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-

18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Monday Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini,

Virgin

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesdav** Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-

10

**Wednesday** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday** Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175;

Lk 17:20-25

Friday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Reli-

gious

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul;

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43;

Lk 18:1-8

Proper readings for Peter & Paul: Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-

23

**Sunday** Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

#### **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!



As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

### **Weekly Collection Totals**

Nov 5

Oct 22

\$9,820.50

\$9,152.95

**Weekly Parish Expenses** 

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

### St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana Sunday November 12, 2023

## Pray for Them



Sun. Nov. 12 9:30 am Childrens Mass

6:00 pm CYO

Mon. Nov. 13 5:30 pm Scout Den Meeting

Tues. Nov. 14 6:00 pm St. Vincent Wed. Nov. 15 7:00 Choir Practice

Thur. Nov. 16 8:30 am School Mass Pk-7

10:00 am Legion of Mary

6:00 pm Holy hour

Fri. Nov. 17 Sat. Nov. 18

Church office Hours \* Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm Hours : 9:00 am—4:00 pm

# THANK YOU, FOLKS YOU CAN STILL OWN A PIECE OF ST. RITA HISTORY BY BUYING ONE OF OUR EXISTING PEWS

#### NEW UP DATE:

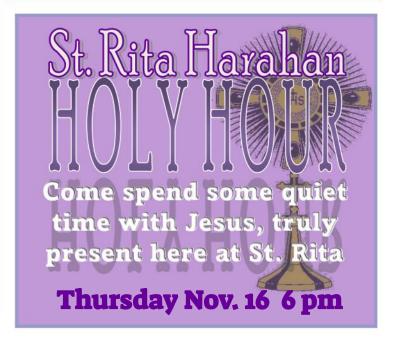
We now have reservations for all of our small 7' pews and are still receiving reservations for large pews as well. If a large pew is too big, you can order an altered pew to make it 8 1/2' or simply place your name on the waiting list for a small pew in case someone backs out.

#### Pew details are listed below:

Here are the specs: the pews are 22.5" wide (from back to the front of the seat) and 33" tall. The length varies.... We have 34 of the small pews located on the side walls that are 7' long at \$275 a piece. (At the present time we are taking names for a wait list for the small pews.) We have 49 of the large pews in the two middle sections that are 17' long. We are requesting \$350 a piece. However, once the 34 small pews are reserved, we will gladly alter the 17' large pews to make smaller 8 ½' pews at your request. These special requested pews will be \$300 a piece.

I addition to pews being sold, a wonderful benefactor used some of the broken pews to make crosses and pens with varied stains. These will be on sale at Fall Fest, along with some slates from the old roof, in the Auction booth!!

Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, , Doris Portera, Mary Dal Daigle, Virginia Stansbury, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Joyce Harris, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deborah Mula, Steve Bonnecaze, Deacon Gary Borne, Patricia Whetleman, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Caiden Reid, Jack Serigne, Josephine Piazza, Lindsey Collier, Charles Slocum, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Judy Ewens Hof, Lois Dupuy, Andrea Glandt, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Robert Petty, Cynthia B. Farrara, Barbara Dziubla, Henry Deibel, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Rebecca Gandy, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker– Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Hilda Orgeron, James McCilwain, Bob Velez, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Little Bonnie, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Betty Oneill, Paige Brock, Randy Sroeba, Kathy Livaudais, Charlotte Evola, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, John Johnson, Louella Lange, Laura Knipper, Gerard Tonglet, Elizabeth Bonnette, Sandra Caperino, August V. Cristina, Claude Barsoza, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Ogg & Baby Dominic, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge, Stephen Parks, Angie Kimbell, Jolene Salito, Frances Kemp, Georg & Greg Fay Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.



### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be held November 18-19, 2023. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development operates with the belief that those most impacted by unjust structures have the best insight in how to overcome them by breaking the cycle of poverty. Currently, the Archdiocese of New Orleans has two groups receiving funding, one which focuses on housing, and the other focuses on energy resiliency. The motto for Catholic Campaign for Human Development is "a hand up, not a hand out."



A HUGE Kudos to the many men and women who worked tirelessly to run our Fall Fest 2023!!!! We TRULY appreciate the many sacrifices; the hours you put in; the creativity you put forth; diligence and dedication demonstrated; to make this years Fall Fest a wonderful and safe event. The weather was absolutely gorgeous, but your selflessness shone like the sun. From gathering sponsorships to putting together small prizes for the kids' games, to soliciting restaurants for specialty food items, to preparing and cooking outstanding food, to laboring to put together the booths and staging the bands and children's performances, to making auction a fantastic fundraiser...... For all the teachers, parents and parishioners who worked the booths; to the workers who kept the bathrooms clean and accessible..... and to all our SPONSORS who helped make it possible tua on this wonderful production..... THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Getting to Know You

At the end of today's Gospel, when the foolish virgins return from the quick shop with the oil, they are locked out of the wedding. The groom answers their pleas, not with a question, "Why weren't you ready?" but with the statement, "I don't know you" (Mt 25:12). Now that sounds kind of odd, if the bridegroom represents the Lord, because God knows everything, and everybody. In Matthew's Gospel, this phrase seems to imply that "because you made no effort to know me, I don't know you." In other words, the oil in the parable stands for knowing the Lord. Or at least making an effort to know him.

So what am I doing to get to know Jesus? One way to know someone is to act like them. Actors who portray a real person try to watch videos of that person to see how they talk, walk, relate to people, what kind of posture they have, how they dress, etc. We can act like Jesus by following his example of care for the poor and the sick, forgiving people who have done wrong, teaching people about God's love, feeding the hungry, and giving God the credit for what we do.

Another way to get to know someone is to talk to them. The more we pray, the more we get close to Jesus. We can praise God for Creation, we can thank God for all the giving (and forgiving!) We can ask for help for those we love and for God's strength in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9). But we don't get to know someone if we do all the talking. Our prayer can include time to be quiet and listen to the Lord. We also listen to God by reading God's words in the Bible. And God can speak to some people in art, song, or poetry. The advice and wisdom of friends and relatives can also be God speaking to us. Hopefully, we can all find ways of getting to know the Lord, so that God can "recognize" us as friends.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE



Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology presents

### Dr. Nicholas Denysenko

Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, and Widowhood: Orthodoxy and oikonomia



Nicholas Denysenko, M.Div., Ph.D. is the Emil and Elfriede Jochum Professor and Chair at Valparaiso University. His recent book is The Church's Unholy War, an analysis of the religious dimension of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

### Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7:00 PM

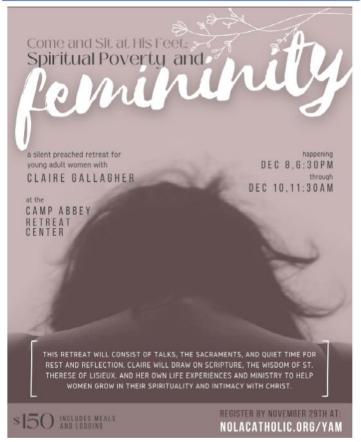
### Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary

Admission is free and open to the public.

Marriage is a sacred mystery in the Orthodox Church, an indissoluble bond of love between husband and wife. The Orthodox Church's teaching on marriage faces old and new challenges. This lecture explores the sacramentality of Orthodox marriage and addresses the new challenges posed to Orthodox tradition and marriage in the twenty-first century.

Watch lecture live on YouTube livestream at www.nds.edu.

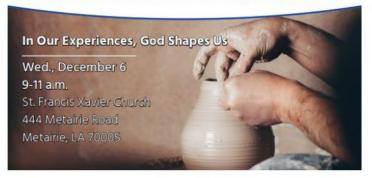
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2023 Southshore Advent Morning of Reflection



You're invited! Join Catholic Women in Action (CWIA) for our 2023 Southshore Advent Morning of Reflection, In Our Experiences, God Shapes Us.

Fr. Andrew Gutierrez of Notre Dame Seminary will celebrate Mass. Sr. Suellen Tennyson will then offer her insights on our theme. Confessions will be available after Mass.

Ouestions? Please contact Kathi at kzimmerman@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5794.

#### REFLECTION SPEAKER

Sr. Suellen Tennyson, MSC celebrates 67 years as a Marianite of Holy Cross. Her ministries included Elementary Education, Marianite of Holy Cross

Leadership, Archdiocese of New Orleans Vicar for Religious, and missionary services in Yalgo, Burkina Faso. She recently returned to New Orleans after 5 months of captivity in Burkina Faso. She continues to be in awe and filled with gratitude for the prayers that kept her safe and brought her



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### SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917) November 13

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first "American" saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name "Xavier," confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—West!' So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!"

—Peter Scagnelli



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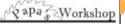
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