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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 $\ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}$ SHIJT-INS

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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ADORATION CHAPEL

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. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT 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 a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Y Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan.1	18. 4:00 nm	Deborah Mula
Sat. Jan.	10, T.VV PIII	Deborali Mula

Eno & Lillian Plaisance Peter Vallelungo

J. Gayle Calongne Barbara Brehm Calongne

Julie Ann Calongne Dorothy V. Calongne

Geraldine C. Feugas Edwin L. Sternberger, Jr.

Gary Boihem Brandon Power Rebecca Wahl- Birthday Vincent Piazza

Linda Wiltz Fabio & Maria Fernandez

Sun. Jan. 19, 7:30 am Maria Magdalena Tu Tran

9:30 am John McCrossen

Francis Nicholas DeGeorge Roy & Mary Boudreaux Family

Charles Kessler Bob & Betty Eble

Timothy Power -healing Paul Wang, Sr.

Alden Ross—intentions Pat Arnult—intentions

Monica Flick Mrs. Bonita Graff

Judy Mootz Stewart

11:30 am Peggy Hernandez—intentions

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Jan. 20, 7:00 am For all the Deceased Souls who were

members of the St. Rita St. Joseph Adoration Chapel

8:30 am Darrell Domangue

Tues. Jan. 21, 7:00am Mary O'Neill

8:30 am Gloria Cooper

Wed. Jan. 22, 7:00 am For all the Deceased Souls who were

members of Living in the Divine

Will.

8:30 am Mary Hillary—intentions

Thurs. Jan. 23, 7:00 am Keith Barrette—intentions

8:30 am Kathryn Friedman

Fri Jan. 24, 7:00 am Joyce Landry

8:30 am Genie (Eugene) Licalzi

Sat. Jan. 25, 8:30 am Gerald Barrette—intentions

Ray Kelly, who is our bulletin representative, will be the Parish office during the week of January 20th. If you have a business you'd like to have represented on our advertising pages we encourage you to reach out to Mr. Kelly at either our office at 504-737-2915 or on his cell phone at 504-338-3058. Your advertisement enables St. Rita's to receive the bulletin at no cost to the Parish. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-

11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-

Wednesday Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn

Children

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7

Friday Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-4; Mk 3:13-

Saturday Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk

16:15-18

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor

12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-

Weekly Collection Totals

Jan. 12

Jan. 5

\$8,257.30

\$ 13,223.00

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses



Sanctuary Lamp **Parishioners** Chapel Lamp Jerry Thomassie

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. Jan 19 9:30 am Children's Mass

10:30 am HSA Social

10:30am CCD

12:30 pm Parish Baptisms

Mon. Jan 20 Church office Closed

Tues. Jan, 21 6:00 pm St. Vincent

Wed. Jan. 22 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thur. Jan. 23 8:30 am School Mass Pk-7

7:00 pm Silver Trotters

Fri. Jan. 24 10:00 am Legion of Mary

Sat. Jan. 25 9:30 am Grandparents club

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

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Jack Serigne, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker- Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., James McCilwain, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, 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, August V. Cristina, 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, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Lynne Podany, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Lynn Andoillna, Sylvia Belile, Fredrick Jones, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Ann Agrillo, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton

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.

Flipped-out Pharisees

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is not only the first miracle in John's Gospel, it is also John's first mention of Jesus' mother. I used to find it odd that Jesus addressed her as "Woman." I can't imagine my Dad letting me get away with that. But in that time the word was more respectful; it could even be affectionate. (The last time Jesus speaks to his mother—John 19:26—he also calls her "Woman." He certainly wasn't being disrespectful on the cross.) Jesus does help as his mother requested, but he does so in a way that doesn't draw attention to himself and also is a lesson about God's love.

You have probably heard how the Jewish people in Jesus' time performed purification rituals before eating anything. The cleansings were a sign that they wanted to be like God, completely free from sin. Eventually, it came to mean that you could not approach God until you cleansed yourself. Jesus used the miracle to show us a different way of understanding holiness. Jesus could have made the wine in bottles or wineskins to show that it was new. But he used the "six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings" (John 2:6). That meant that once they were full of wine, no one could wash themselves from the jars. I wonder how many Pharisees flipped out when they saw that.

The point is that no one can cleanse themselves. We don't purify ourselves in order to come to God—we come to God to be purified. God is the only one who can make us holy. God offers this to sinners especially, because sinners who know they need forgiveness are the only ones to receive it. Not because God excludes the rest. Those who don't think they are sinners or don't think they can be forgiven won't ask for it. God never forces mercy on anyone. It is offered to those who ask for it. The amount of wine (six big jars of about twenty-five gallons each) symbolizes the extent of God's mercy. As there was now more than enough wine for the wedding, God has more than enough mercy for those who need it. Wine is also a symbol of joy in the Old Testament. There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been forgiven by the Lord. Tom Schmidt

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday, January 19, 2025

75 TH ANNIVERSARY

ST. RITA PILGRIMAGE

OCTOBER 6-16, 2025

Join Fr. Steven Bruno on this special pilgrimage to

St. Rita's homeland and throughout Italy

Day 1 Oct 6 (Mon) Board the plane for Italy
Day 2 Oct 7 (Tues) Arrive in Rome, Italy

Day 2 Oct 8 (Wed) Rome

Day 3 Oct 8 (Wed) Rome Day 4 Oct 9 (Thurs) Rome

Day 5 Oct 10 (Fri) Rome – Pietrelcina – San Giovanni Rotondo

Day 6 Oct 11 (Sat) Monte Sant'Angelo

Day 7 Oct 12 (Sun) San Giovanni Rotondo – Lanciano - Loreto – Assisi

Day 8 Oct 13 (Mon) Assisi

Day 9 Oct 14 (Tues) Roccaporena and Cascia

Day 10 Oct 15 (Wed) Assisi – Rome

Day 11 Oct 16 (Thurs) Depart Rome and return

Home

MEDJUGORJE OPTIONAL EXTENSION

OCTOBER 16-19, 2025

Day 1 Oct 16 Depart Rome, to Medjugorje

Day 2 Oct 17 Medjugorje

Day 3 Oct. 18 Medjugorje- Dubrovnik, Croatia

Day 4 Oct. 19 Depart Dubrovnik, Croatia

For more information or to reserve a space: Mary Perricone: (504) 512-4021 mperricone54@gmail.com

We'd like to invite all who may be interested in possibly coming with us on our St Rita of Cascia Pilgrimage to a **virtual meeting Tuesday**, **Jan 21**, **at 4:00pm**. This link will get you into the meeting. It will also be recorded, so if you cannot attend the meeting on Tuesday, you can go to that link to review the recording. This presentation will provide more details about the day to day plans we have for our wonderful trip to Rome, Assisi, and Cascia.





Second Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him.

Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.



Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

Saint of the Week SAINT AGNES (died 304)

January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer.

—Peter Scagnelli

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Donation: \$125.00 (adjustments can be made)

Men's Emmaus Retreat

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the Men's Emmaus Retreat the weekend of January 24-26, 2025. The retreat is held at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in beautiful, peaceful Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat begins at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something very special awaits you in Bay St. Louis!

You can register for the retreat online at: https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus

Or you can email us for a registration form at sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com

Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere 504-481-0411 or Rick Valadie (504) 655-8932 or Colin Taulis 504-494-4511

Grandparents-Club

Welcome All St. Rita Grandparent's Meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 25th 10-Noon. - Community Room We will be ringing in the New Year - if you care to bring a dip or desert that would be great Contact Peggy Hernandez - 504-491-7087

Silver Trotters

The monthly meeting of the Silver Trotter is on January 23 ,2025 at 7:00pm in the gym. Doors open at 6:00pm. Refreshments are served after the meeting. Dues are \$20.00 and is payable at this meeting. For additional information please call Louise Chapman at (504) 737-3797.



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