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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.

Sign up to make a recurring automatic donation by going to StRitaHarahan.com where you will find a link to our Online Giving page or make a one time donation



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 Sunday, February 9, 2025



Sat. Feb. 8, 4:00 pm Deborah Mula

Peter Vallelungo Edwin L. Sternberger Jr.

Gary Boihem Jeannine Burgess Terry Power Scott Gumina Beth Orgeron -healing Carrie Davis Carlynn Gardner Hilda Orgeron

Melanie Bragagnini -healing Tim Power—healing

Sun. Feb. 9, 7:30 am Pat Meyer—Birthday

9:30 am John McCrossen

Paul Wang, Sr. Bob & Betty Eble Monica Flick Harold Smith Cesar Fonseca Adele Milligan

Chrystopher A. Yarbrough Judith R. Provenzano

Donna Theriot-healing

11:30 am Cesar Fonseca

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Feb. 10, 7:00 am Mary O'Neill

8:30 am Linda Wiltz

Tues. Feb. 11. 7:00am Father R. Karl Schmidt

8:30 am St. Bernadette Marie of the Visita-

tion, OP

Wed. Feb. 12, 7:00 am Mark Autin

8:30 am Sr. Mary Lucy of the Divine Word,

Thurs. Feb. 13, 7:00 am Katherina Balliache

8:30 am Pat Meyer—birthday

Fri Feb. 14, 7:00 am Katherina Balliache

8:30 am Dr. Mary Rose Daunis

Sat. Feb. 15, 8:30 am Terry Morvant

Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings For the Week of February 9, 2025

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

> Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Monday Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c;

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gen 1-20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gen 2:4b-9; 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-

30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 7:24-30

Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Friday

Bishop

Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-

20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Weekly Collection Totals

Jan. 26 \$8,977.72 Feb. 2 \$ 15,110.00

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

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Sanctuary Lamp **Parishioners** Chapel Lamp Dale St. John

OUR LADY OF LOURDES February 11

Starting February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin made a series of appearances to young Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto in Lourdes, France, eventually telling her, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sun. Feb. 9 10:30 am CCD

Mon. Feb. 10

Tues. Feb. 11 6:00 pm St. Vincent

6:30 pm Bereavement Mass

Wed. Feb. 12 9:30 am Altar Society

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. Feb. 13
Fri. Feb. 14
Sat. Feb. 15
8:30 am School Mass Pk-7
10:00 am Legion of Mary
Sat. Feb. 15
Confirmation Retreat

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, Diana 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, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Serio Morris, Donna Theroit, Dianne Smith

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. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For a humble guy, St. Paul really tells it like it is. It seems some of the Corinthians did not believe that Christ rose from the dead, or that resurrection was a spiritual symbol of forgiveness of sins. So Paul lists those witnesses who actually saw the risen Jesus, last and least of these being Paul himself. Now we are used to thinking of Paul as one of the greatest apostles, even though we know he once persecuted Christians. So you might think he is being overly humble, like someone fishing for a compliment. No, Paul is only interested in making sure the Corinthians understand just how much God has done.

Besides being "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), that is, coming to follow Christ in such an unusual way, he felt unworthy because of so many Christians he hurt before his conversion. Yet he turns that unworthiness into an example of how much God has done through him, so he can say that he worked harder than any other apostles because of God's grace, not Paul's strength. The same grace that turned a former enemy into a friend also gave him the strength to spread the gospel farther than anyone else at that time.

In today's Gospel, Peter has a similar experience. He was a fisherman who knew his business and knew that some days, the fish just aren't there. So when Jesus tells him to go out one more time, try one more cast of the nets, Peter probably thought he'd show Jesus that it was no use. Then when they caught enough fish to fill both boats, he realized that his pride was sinful. He was unworthy to receive such bounty from the Lord. And yet Jesus tells him that "you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10).

How many of us are like Peter and Paul, thinking we know just what our place in the world is, relying on our own strengths to do our jobs? Surely that's all God expects of us, right? They found Jesus calling them to a much more challenging life. Do we have the courage to listen to God's call to serve? Tom Schmidt



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana Sunday, February 9, 2025





In the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart – the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord.

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, with loneliness and fear.

75 TH ANNIVERSARY

ST. RITA PILGRIMAGE

OCTOBER 6-16, 2025

Join Fr. Steven Bruno on this special pilgrimage

St. Rita's homeland and throughout Italy

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

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

(Thurs) Depart Rome and return Day 11 Oct 16

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OCTOBER 16-19, 2025

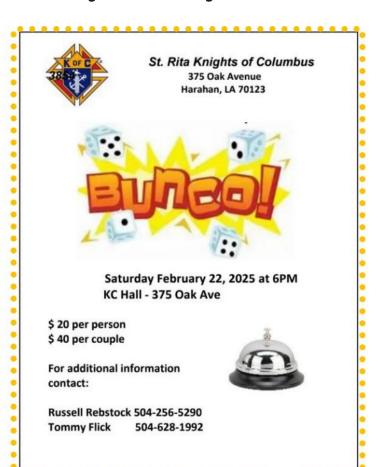
Day 1 Oct 16 Depart Rome, to Medjugorje

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



ST. RITA PARISH WILL CELEBRATE THE HOLY FACE NOVENA AND



SHROVE TUESDAY MASS

Prayerfully consider joining us in praying the Holy Face novena! The nine day Alpha-Omega novena begins Sunday February 23, 2025 and ends March 3, 2025

Please also join us for the 8:30 am Shrove Tuesday Mass on Mardi gras day, Tuesday March 4, 2025.

THE HOLY FACE PRAYERS WILL FOLLOW AFTER MASS.

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO FIND THE LINK TO THE NOVENA



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Rita Parish will host a St. Joseph altar on March 19, 2025 in the community room. We are currently looking for volunteers. All are welcome!

St. Joseph Altar Bake Days

We will be having bake days to prepare cookies for our St. Joseph Altar, and we'd love for you to join us! No experience is necessary! Each session will begin at 9:30 AM and last about two hours. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in this special tradition.

The dates are as follows:

Monday March 3
Thursday March 6
Monday March 10
Tuesday March 11

Tuesday March 11

Thursday March 13

For questions or additional information please call Alden 504-577-4612, or call the parish office at 504-737-2915



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St. Joseph Altar Donations Needed

Below is a list of items needed for the St. Joseph Altar. If you are able to donate any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated. As always, monetary donations are also welcome to help cover costs.

Drop-off Location: Church Office

Thank you for your generosity and support

- All purpose flour
- Granulated white sugar
- Powdered sugar
- Baking powder
- Salted butter
- Eggs
- Vanilla extract
- Lemon extract
- Anise
- Pitted figs
- Pitted dates
- Candied fruit
- Raisins
- Pecans
- Peach preserves
- French bread
- Spaghetti (please cook & freeze)
- Nonpareils (sprinkles) red, green, white





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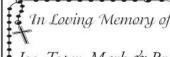
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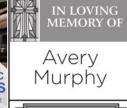
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