

St. Rita Catholic Church

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Religious Education: 445-7141 ext 217
St. Vincent de Paul: 473-0887
Sacristy: 448-9599
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4
Website: <http://www.StRita.org> Check our website for individual email addresses.
Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.

Code QR for
OnLine Giving
St. Rita Website



Dial Direct to Extensions: 445-7141

Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., Pastor (ext 212)
Rev. Daniel Hart, Parochial Vicar (ext 211)
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
Mr. Maxwell Moreau, Director of Buildings & Maintenance

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. Daniel Hart

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 3:55, or 15 minutes before
any Mass or by appointment.

GOD BLESS ALL TEACHERS & STUDENTS

as they return to classes next week

PRAYER BLANKETS *available in the church foyer.*

**CCD GRADES PRE-K - 6, JR. HIGH YOUTH GRADE 7th - 8th,
CONFIRMATION 11TH GRADERS**

*please go to our website www.strita.org and register your child
as soon as possible, so we can plan the year!*

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.

MASK MANDATE: With the Mask Mandate issued
by the state and the CDC recommending that everyone,
whether you are vaccinated or not wear a mask while
indoors, I ask you to please wear your mask while

attending Mass at St. Rita. While we will not
enforce wearing the mask, I ask that you please
consider others around you. If you are concerned
about social distancing, you may sit in the church
foyer.
—Fr. Raj

Saturday, August 7

4:00 -Mass for Peggy Berlin, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Toni Lynn Hogue, Gerald Leglue, Richard Love, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Gayle Morton, Sam & Shirley Rini, Mary Snow, Ricky Sooter

5:30 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Freddie Lavesphere

Sunday, August 8

8:00 -Mass for George & Edna Rabalais

9:30 -Mass for the intention of Francis & Ashley Vanderlick

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for Stephen Ardoin

5:30 -Mass for Barbara Laborde

Monday, August 9

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

Tuesday, August 10

8:00 - Mass for Gene Melancon

6:00 -Spanish Bible Study (HFC)

Wednesday, August 11

8:00 -Mass for Henry Ardoin

Thursday, August 12

8:00 -Mass for Katie Nasello

1:00 -Wise Crackers (St. Martin room)

Friday, August 13

8:00 -Mass for Linda Cazes, Jack Dekeyzer, Mary Margaret Matassa, Jane Ormsby, Renee Herring Rice, Sam & Shirley Rini, Julie D. Williams

Saturday, August 14

4:00 -Mass for Keith Coppeney, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, James Dekeyzer, Pat DeKeyzer, Daniel Difulco, Marvin Finney, Adam Jeansonne, Aline Johnson, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Sam & Shirley Rini, Wayne Salard, J.J. and Una Wilson

5:30 -Mass for John Marzullo

Sunday, August 15

8:00 -Mass for Marge Branco

9:30 -Mass for Sammy Thiels

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for Wanda Burrows

5:30 -Mass for Richard Vanderlick

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Howard Shores by Jeanie Shores. 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: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Average expenses for week	\$ 23,056.88
Sunday Gifts the week of August 1	\$ 13,968.10
Online & EFT Gifts August 1	\$ 5,017.00
Short for the week of August 1	\$ 4,071.78
BLDG/Maintenance Fund August	\$ 232.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT August	\$ 125.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**GOSPEL REFLECTION – Priests for Life Sanctuary of Life**

“From within the heart of the world, the family has a decisive and determinative relationship with life. As a Sanctuary of life, the family must welcome it, defend it, accompany it during its development, especially during the whole process of its education....The family lovingly bears witness to the uniqueness of new life....The instruction of the Didache, “Thou shalt not kill the child in its mother’s womb” (2, 1), incorporated into the living tradition of the Church, must resound even today from the heart of every household. Only God is the Lord of life!” (Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, President, Pontifical Council for the Family, Homily to Pontifical Academy for Life, February, 1997).

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Laurie Brocato, Audrine Riche

OUR SICK: Jerry Brown, Ann Bruner, Pat Curcio, Judy Michiels McClaran, Donald Medica, Anna Nagela, Michael Perry, Jr., Nanette Redmond, Eric Spangler, Lindsay Wilmore, Leonard Wilson, Sharon Yarbrough

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Melissa Brouillette, Melanie Everett, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, Cynthia Parker, David Paulk, Larry Robin, Kayla Spangler, Alisha Sylvia, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams, Ona Wilson

OUR SHUT- INS: Joan Andries, Joyce Bakies, Fay Baudin, Margaret Beaubouef, Lela Bordelon, Nellie Bordelon, Theresa Bordelon, Shirley Bost, Ray Broussard, Jennie Buckoski, 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 Gonzague, 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: CW02 Brad Canrak, CW3 Ron Cole, Lance Cpl Mathew G. Collins, Lance Cpl. Amy Fogleman, Major Mike Frazier, Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy McKnight, Lance Cpl. Simon Pelt, PO2 Nicholas Peralta, Sgt. Cole Pleche, 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.

COMING VERY SOON-TABERNACLE RENOVATION: After many questions from parishioners regarding the placement of our tabernacle in the church, and with the approval of the Councils, we are moving the Tabernacle into the Sanctuary.

It will be located where it is now, but moved forward into the Sanctuary. A lighted dome will be built above to focus on the Tabernacle.

The stain glass doors will be moved and inserted into the doors of the main aisle of the church.

Thank you for your continued support making it possible for us to start this project. — Fr. Raj

ATTENTION: SCAM GOING AROUND: If you receive a text or an email from Fr. Raj requesting money or Apple Money Cards, please DO NOT respond. This is a scam!

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (RCIA)— If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, please call the church office at 445-7141 ext. 210. We are glad to work within your schedule and help you in any way to become a Catholic. *We would like to welcome back Mrs. Ann Masden and Mrs. Patti Williams as the RCIA Team.* — Fr. Raj

CCD for the 2021-2022 School Year! Registration is due NOW!! You can register 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

7TH & 8TH GRADE YOUTH: Registration is due NOW!! You can register on our website, www.strita.org. 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

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED for the 7th & 8th grade youth group on Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:15 PM. The program will follow the CCD schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

CONFIRMATION 2021 Registration is due NOW! 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

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Court Desmond. The blankets are available at the parish office for:

- Any adult or child with a physical or emotional illness.
- Individuals preparing for surgery or recovering from an acute illness.
- Individuals living with chronic conditions or in treatment for a life threatening illness.
- Anyone experiencing a crisis such as the loss of a loved one, loss of job, relationship Crisis, etc.....
- High risk pregnancy, miscarriage or neonatal Crisis.

You can pick up a prayer blanket after all Masses in the Church foyer or from the church office during office hours. Donations are greatly appreciated. For more information contact, Mrs. Ona Wilson, 640-2159, or the church office 445-7120.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? Don't know where to turn? Struggling with grief or loss? Beginning Experience of Alexandria is registering now for a weekend that provides an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope. The weekend will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center – Pineville, LA on September 17 – 19, 2021. For more information the website is www.beginningexperience.org or to register contact Anna at (318) 448-1990, (318) 452-2678 or asweat7@aol.com.

