

St. Rita Catholic Church

August 22, 2021

Twenty-First 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

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.



St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ

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.

**CCD GRADES PRE-K - 6, JR. HIGH YOUTH GRADE 7th - 8th,
CONFIRMATION 11TH GRADERS, HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**
*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 21

4:00 -Mass for Peggy Berlin, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Jack
Dekeyzer, W.C. Johnson, Jr., Richard Love, John Marzullo,
Mary Margaret Matassa, Elaine Mathews, John Marzullo,
Sam & Shirley Rini, Clayton Rohnor, Mary Snow, Raymond

Villmarette, Julie D. Williams

5:30 -Mass for Daniel Juneau

Sunday, August 22

8:00 -Mass for Paul Miletello

9:30 -Mass for Sam Rini, Sr.

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for Stanley Hanhart

5:30 -Mass for Joyce Gamble

Monday, August 23

8:00 -Mass for Shirley Rini

Tuesday, August 24

8:00 - Mass for Carolyn R. Gibson

12:00 -Finance Council Meeting (Moreau Room)

6:00 -Spanish Bible Study (HFC)

Wednesday, August 25

8:00 -Mass for Alex Ekermeier

Thursday, August 26

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow

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

Friday, August 27

8:00 -Mass for Jack DeKeyzer, Gerald Leglue, Mary Margaret Matassa, Sam & Shirley Rini, Julie D. Williams

Saturday, August 28

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Carmen Costa, Dr. Jose Costa, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Pat DeKeyzer, Alex Eckermeyer, Adam Jeansonne, Freddie Lavesphere, Richard Love, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, James Quillin, Sam & Shirley Rini, Ricky Sooter

5:30 -Mass for Emily & Terry Ardoin

Sunday, August 29

8:00 -Mass for Daniel Difulco

9:30 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for deceased members of Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Lydiana Dauzat Lachney

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Gerlad Robichaux on his birthday by Mary Robichaux and family. 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 Gerald Robichaux by Mary Robichaux and family. 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: 122: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34: 2-3, 16-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Average expenses for week	\$ 20,737.58
Sunday Gifts the week of August 15	\$ 15,041.00
Online & EFT Gifts August 15	\$ 2,592.00
Short for the week of August 15	\$ 3,104.58
BLDG/Maintenance Fund August	\$ 3,172.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT August	\$ 1,480.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**GOSPEL REFLECTION – Priests for Life Learning to Love**

In Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts...So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say "This is my body, my blood, my life, given up for you my child."

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Grover Rodney Walker

OUR SICK: Joyce Clarke, Declan DeKeyzer, Faith Hatch, Paula Scanlan, Karen Shrock, Eric Spangler, Jack Turner, Mary Vermaelen, Lindsay Wilmore, Alan Winegeart, Pat Winegeart

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jennifer Auzenne, Stacy Auzenne, Pierce Babineaux, Austin Bardwell, Melissa Brouillette, Ann Bruner, Melanie Everett, Richard Juneau, James Laborde, Leah Leonard, Judy Michiels McClaran, Donald Medica, Anna Nagela, Cynthia Parker, David Paulk, Michael Perry Jr., Nanette Redmond, Larry Robin, Kayla Spangler, Alisha Sylvia, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams, Leonard Wilson, Ona Wilson, Sharon Yarbrough

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 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., Zadi 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 Pelto, 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.

FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, August 24 at 12:00 noon in the Moreau room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday, September 1 at 12:00 noon in the Holy Family Center.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH OR HAVE NOT REGISTERED HERE? If you have not registered, we encourage you to do so. It is important that you do register if you attend church here regularly. That way you will be sure to receive information and services that our parish offers. Please fill out a registration form found in the bulletin racks and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to 3822 Bayou Rapides Road, Alexandria, LA 71303. Some of our young families that grew up in this parish think they are automatically registered parishioners. If you no longer live with your parents and live on your own or have started your own family, you need to register. If you are not sure if you are registered, call 445-7141 ext 214 and we will check your status for you.

MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER COLLECTION: Established in the 1940s by Bishop Charles P. Greco, Maryhill Renewal Center is used by many seeking a spiritual and restful place to hold retreats and functions throughout the year. It continues to serve as the spiritual heart of the Diocese of Alexandria. Funds from this collection will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the structures and grounds in order to keep this sacred gift available to us. You may use a pew envelope, marked Maryhill or the envelope in your monthly packet and drop it in the collection basket. Please give generously.

WELCOME Miss Brittney Nugent our new Music Director beginning September 1. Mrs. Melva Villard is semi-retiring after 30 years as our Music Director. Mrs. Villard will continue playing at the Saturday Masses and she will mentor Miss Nugent during her transition. We want to thank Mrs. Villard for her 30 years of dedicated service. Enjoy your retirement!!

STARTING NEXT WEEK!!! – COURTYARD PROJECT: A motion was presented to the Pastoral Council that the Courtyard be completed with stone, wrought iron fence, planters, benches, etc.... The motion was voted on and approved by the Pastoral and Finance Councils. Plans were drawn, bids submitted, and the Diocese has approved the project. Thank you for your continued support making it possible for us to start this project. – Fr. Raj

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!

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!

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!

HEART OF LOUISIANA CREDIT UNION: If you or any member of your family are parishioners of St. Rita Church, you are eligible to join Heart of Louisiana Credit Union. By joining you begin a lifetime of benefits. Your savings deposited earn dividends and loans can be made for any purpose. All deposits are insured up to \$100,000. Stop by any of our locations or call 473-4562 for more information.

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.

