

St. Rita Catholic Church

February 6, 2022

Fifth 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

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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)

Miss Brittney Nugent, 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.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS IN HONOR OF ST. BLAISE

after all Masses this weekend

4:00 pm Saturday Mass is LIVE STREAMED every weekend. Please join us on FaceBook or at www.strita.org. You can also view the 4:00 PM Mass anytime on our website, www.strita.org.

Saturday, February 5

4:00 -Mass for Hattie Beaudoin, Adelaide Carlin, J.C. Carlin, Steve Carlin, Willard Castille, Joseph W. Deville, Mary Margaret Matassa, Dan Schmidt, Eric Spangler, Jake Spangler, Don Weitzel, Tom Weitzel, Jerry Weitzel

5:30 -Mass for Lois Brister

Sunday, February 6

8:00 -Mass for Melvin Hicks

9:30 -Mass for Joseph W. Deville

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for living and deceased members of the parish

5:30 -Mass for Marvin Finney

Monday, February 7

8:00 -Mass for Sister Monica Kelly, R.S.M.

6:00 -Doors of Mercy (HFC)

Tuesday, February 8

8:00 - Mass for Gerald Leglue

5:30 -RCIA (Moreau Room)

6:00 -Spanish Bible Study (HFC)

Wednesday, February 9

8:00 -Mass for Bridget Legendre Darlington

6:00 -CCD, 7&8 Grade & Confirmation (HFC)

Thursday, February 10

8:00 -Mass for Ellis Isom

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

5:30 -Altar and Rosary Meeting (HFC)

Friday, February 11

8:00 -Mass for Mary Margaret Matassa

Saturday, February 12

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Saul & Mable Castille, Don Feduccia, Greg Gravel, W.C. Johnson, Jr., William Jowers, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Etheleen & Ivy Meaux, Donald Medica, Gerald Robichaux, Joe Serio

5:30 -Mass for Michael Robichaux

Sunday, February 13

8:00 -Mass for Greg Gravel

9:30 -Mass for Marion Polk

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for deceased members of the community

5:30 -Mass for Alex Ekermeier

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Lois Brister by Robert Brister. 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 LAMP were provided in loving memory of Marvin Finney by Frances Finney 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38 Catechism 2544-2550

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 20,737.58
Sunday Gifts the week of January 30	\$ 13,754.00
Online & EFT Gifts January 30	\$ 2,852.00
Short for the week of January 30	\$ 4,131.58
BLDG/Maintenance Fund January	\$ 1,590.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT January	\$ 1,500.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Today the Diocese of Alexandria begins its 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This year's theme is "Gods Gift, Our Response" and is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese and the universal church to share our blessing and to show our concern for one another. The ADA lets us act together as a family and to support programs and services not single individual or parish can offer alone. Your gift is particularly important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. Every registered household in the diocese will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Marshall. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you can give in support of our diocesan Church.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Chad Leavines

OUR SICK: Sam Curcio, Ebron Dunn, Jody Herring, Otride Marcotte, Kenny Mathews, Maxwell Moreau, Brad Stewart

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Brenda Bordelon, Melissa Brouillette, Roy Brown, Lee Cargle, Stan Desselle, Melanie Everett, Stacy Ford, Brenda Gremillion, Leah Leonard, Karen Schrock, Kayla Spangler, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams

OUR SHUT- INS: Joan Andries, Taylor Bernard, Betty Bordelon, Lela Bordelon, Nellie Bordelon, Phyllis Cheek, Vergie Clay, Aline Cicardo, Elise Coco, Donald Coco, Doris Constance, Connie Couvillion, Bennye David, Deborah Davidson Betty DeKeyser, Stanley Deselle, Odean Deville, Elizabeth Drake, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Regina Dunn, Frances Finney, Philip Frank, Linda Gauthier, Irma Gonzague, Jessie Griffin, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Joyce Laborde, Gerald Lachney, Iris Ruth LeJeune, Josephine Marcotte, Zadie Marcotte, George Moreau, Gladys Morris, Anna Nagela, Yvonne Perrin, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Rose Ponthieux, Nanette Redman, Mark Reitzell, James Schoolcraft, Frances Severance, Jeannette Smith, Ina Steiner, Bobby Thevenote, Francis Lee Thiels, Michael Turner, Susan Turner, Virginia Verzwuyvelt, 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 Peltó, 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.

THE CHURCH TODAY COLLECTION: Every month, this 24-page newspaper is mailed FREE to every Catholic household in the diocese. All donations to this special collection go directly to the Church Today to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Church Today FREE each month, call (318) 445-6424, ext 209 to request it. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope marked Church Today and drop it in the collection basket. Please be generous and support our diocesan newspaper.

LIVE STREAM MASS: We have been having some issues with the internet at church. The Mass is being recorded on our website www.strita.org. So if you are not able to receive the Mass on FaceBook or YouTube you can go to our website after 5:00 PM on Saturday and see the Mass there.

FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, February 15 at 12:00 noon in the Holy Family Center. **PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on Wednesday, February 23 at 12:00 noon in the Holy Family Center.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE was Thursday, February 3. As is traditional around his feast day, we will have the Blessing of the Throats. The final blessing at Mass will be the General Blessing of the Throats. While this General Blessing carries the same grace, we will offer individual blessings after Mass.

ANNIVERSARY COUPLES will be honored Sunday, February 13 weekend at the 11:00 AM Mass with a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis. Those couples in our parish who celebrated anniversaries in 2021 are:

25 years: Joseph Earl & Diana Basco, Gregory & Ellen Dunn; Alvarez & Myrtis Peychaud, Richard & Carmen Williamson

40 years: Gary & Carol Johnson; John & Darlene Morovich,

50 years: Patrick & Belinda Guillory; Wayne & Becky Watkins; David & Mary Winn;

60 years: Larry & Elaine Acosta; Richard & Katherine Beard; Joseph & Mary Despino; Edgar & Suzanne Medlin.

Please join us in congratulating these couples.

TRAVELING VOCATIONS STOLE: Please consider signing up for the St. Rita Parish Traveling Vocations Stole! We ask that you take the Priest Stole home with you for one week, and to pray daily for vocations with those in your house. The stole comes with a booklet that has vocations prayers for each day of the week, which you are welcome to use.

The sign up sheet is located in the church foyer. When it is your week you can simply take the stole and prayer booklet from the church foyer when you go to Mass that weekend.

If no one is scheduled to take the stole after you for the following week, you can either keep the stole for an extra week, or you can bring to the church foyer for the next family.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH ONLINE GIVING where you can create or alter your contribution schedule at any time. You can also see reports of your contribution history that you can use for your records. By clicking the "OnLine Giving" link at www.strita.org you can take care your contributions yourself.

EFT Electronic Funds Transfer directly from your bank accounts or your credit/debit card.

EFT offers many benefits to the church and you, the parishioner. Scheduling EFT contributions allows the church to benefit by having a better prediction of contributions and reducing administrative tasks and costs. EFT transactions can be scheduled weekly on Monday, 10th, 20th or 30th of the month and allows you to make a contribution even if you are unable to attend a service.

To sign up for EFT, call 445-7141 ext 210 and we will mail a form to you. We will take care of setting everything up for you.

—Mrs. Etta Ohrt

PRAYER GARDEN LEGACY BRICK UPDATE: ALL Legacy Bricks have been engraved and inserted in the Prayer Garden!!! *If your brick is not there or there is a misspelling on your brick, please call the church office.*

LEGACY BRICKS for the St. Rita Prayer Garden are still available. ***We have 100 bricks left, final deadline to order a brick has been extended to February 28, 2022.*** So order your brick now!! You can fill out the form located on the round table in the church foyer and drop it in the collection with your \$125 payment or... , If you choose to pay by credit card, you can come by the church office or call 445-7141 ext 210 and we can do that for you.

—Ms. Etta Ohrt

ALTAR AND ROSARY will meet on Thursday February 10th in the Holy Family Center. We will have election of new officers at this meeting. If you have not paid your \$5.00 dues, please do so.

We will have pizza, salad and dessert. Please bring a wrapped Valentine gift to play **DIRTY CUPID**. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend, bring a friend and come see what we are about.

—Mrs. Belinda Guillory, President



SENIOR CITIZENS MARDI GRAS POTLUCK & BINGO, Thursday, February 24th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring your favorite potluck, we will provide the meat and drinks. Please call 445-7141 ext 214 to RSVP.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH meet on Sundays, after the 5:30 PM Mass in the Holy Family Center. ***All High School Youth are invited to join us!!***

—Mrs. Stephanie Richardson, Miss Kathryn Velotta