

St. Rita Catholic Church

March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent

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
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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 Brittany 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.

KC COUNCIL #1134 FISH FRY, FRIDAY, MARCH 11

4:30 - 6:30 PM in Holy Family Center, Dine In & Drive Thru

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, March 5

4:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Joseph W. Deville, Ellis Isom, W.C. Johnson, Jr., William Jowers, Mary Margaret Matassa, John Marzullo, Donald Medica, Gerald Robichaux, Charles Roberts, Joe Serio, Sadie Jean Shores
5:30 -Mass for Mary Alice Weston

Sunday, March 6

8:00 -Mass for Marvin Finney
9:30 -Mass for Maria Christina Fegueroa Vda De Sanchez
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 Chad Leavines

Monday, March 7

7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Chad Leavines
6:00 -Doors of Mercy (HFC)

Tuesday, March 8

7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue
5:30 -RCIA (Moreau Room)
6:00 -Spanish Bible Study (HFC)

Wednesday, March 9

7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Hattie Beaudoin
6:00 -CCD, 7&8 Grade & Confirmation

Thursday, March 10

7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Anthony (Tony) Beaubouref
1:00 -Wise Crackers (St. Martin room)
5:30 -Altar and Rosary Society Meeting (HFC)

Friday, March 11

7:45 Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Joyce Adams, Mary Margaret Matassa, Sid Rud, Joe Serio, Sadie Jean Shores, David Voelker, Souls in Purgatory
2:00 -Way of the Cross (Church)
4:30-6:30 -KC Council #1134 Fish Fry (HFC)
5:30 -Way of the Cross (Church)
7:00 -Spanish Way of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 12

4:00 -Mass for Adelaide Carlin, J.C. Carlin, Steve Carlin, Saul and Mable Castille, Greg Gravel, Mary Margaret Matassa, Dan Schmidt, Eric Spangler, Jake Spangler, Don Weitzel, Jerry Weitzel, Tom Weitzel

Menard Class of 1971 Alumni Deaths: Brenda Cataldie Beckham, Mike Bell, Kay Berlin, Sharon Brown, Steve Carbo, Hewitt Coco, Alma James Dixon, Tommy Gaspard, Trip Glanker, Sally Hamilton, Kathy Andries Lott, Tommy Mertens, Patrice Metoyer, Karen Moore, Margie Nolan, Mike Normand, David Scalfano, Brenda Vanderlick Seiler, Christine Cherry Sheffield, Jeanne Parr Shelton, Ricky Sooter, Chris Wilmore

5:30 -Mass for Fred Geisel

Sunday, March 13

8:00 -Mass for Greg Gravel

9:30 -Mass for Joseph W. Deville

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

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

5:30 -Mass for Sr, Anita Bianchini

ALTAR FLOWERS are not allowed during the season of lent. If you are interested in donating fresh flowers ext 214. **Flowers are \$75 for both arrangements.**

ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS 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. **The door code will change on Monday, March 14. We will email the new code to everyone who has already signed for the code. If you do not get the code by email, you will have to come to office to sign for it. Please do not give out the code to anyone.**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Lk 9L28b-36 Catechism 1817-1821

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS on March 9, 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. Cost \$5.00 for dine in and \$6.00 for take out. Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, White Gravy, Corn, Roll and Dessert. The meal will be prepared and served by the Altar and Rosary Society.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	\$ 20,737.58
Sunday Gifts the week of February 27	\$ 13,429.00
Online & EFT Gifts February 27	\$ 3,402.00
Short for the week of February 27	\$ 3,906.58
BLDG/Maintenance Fund February	\$ 1,890.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT February	\$ 1,445.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:**

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His Own Son.” Jesus’ death was God’s greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life! Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community, and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God’s greatest gift to us.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Ray Beaulot

OUR SICK: Debbie Brown, Allen Creighton, Ebron Dunn, Brad Stewart, Shirley Wallace

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Brenda Bordelon, Joe Branco, Melissa Brouillette, Lee Cargle, Sam Curcio, Melanie Everett, Stacy Ford, Brenda Gremillion, Bobbi Leckie, Leah Leonard, Kenny Mathews, 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, Odean Deville, Elizabeth Drake, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Regina Dunn, Frances Finney, Philip Frank, Linda Gauthier, Irma Gonzaque, 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, Yvonne Perrin, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Rose Ponthieux, Nanette Redman, Mark Reitzell, James Schoolcraft, Frances Severance, Jeannette Smith, Bobby Thevenote, Francis Lee Thiels, 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 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.

ALMSGIVING “Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins” (Sirach 3:29). And, Jesus said, “But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you” (Matthew 6:3-4). In this Lenten season there will be several appeals made to you for “alms.” Such giving is above and beyond a tithe. Options are presented so that your heart will be moved by that one program or thing which you feel you wish to support. This then is an important spiritual tool for your Lenten journey and not “fund-raising.”

LENTEN COLLECTION: As is our tradition, beginning Thursday, March 3 we will take a collection at the 8:00 AM weekday Masses throughout Lent for two important charities. The monies collected will be split equally between the following two ministries: **Friendly Home Orphanage in India and the St. Rita Hispanic Community.** If you do not attend weekday Masses and would like to make a donation, you may do so using a pew envelope and mark it Lent Collections.

DAILY LENT REFLECTIONS by Bishop Robert Barron can be found on our website, www.strita.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the reflections.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are needed to bring communion to our home bound shut ins. If you can help with this ministry, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.

EASTER FLOWER FUND: Remember your loved ones by donating to the Easter flower fund. A list of the donors and names of those to be remembered will be published the Sunday after Easter. Easter flowers are \$15; make checks payable to St. Rita Altar and Rosary Society. *This fund is used to cover the cost of decorating the church beginning Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. Any excess funds are used for altar flowers during the year.* You may use the Easter Flower Offering envelope in your monthly packet or an Easter Flower envelope located in the hymnal racks in the pews and drop it in the collection basket.
— Altar and Rosary Society

DONATIONS OF SWEETS AND BREADS will be needed for our **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR** on Wednesday, March 16. If you would like to donate to the St. Joseph Altar, please contact Mrs. Debbie Brown at 445-7141 ext 214.

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR: Our annual **St. Joseph's Altar** will be **Wednesday, March 16**, and we will honor St. Joseph! As a part of this celebration, our Wednesday Evening Meal will be a free fish and spaghetti dinner (*no take-outs!*) **Please note that we will begin serving at 4:15 PM. (We will not serve any meals after 5:45 PM.)** The **Blessing of the Altar** will be at **5:00 PM** after which you are welcome to enjoy the goodies that will grace the altar! We invite you to come and enjoy, but respectfully ask that you plan to depart by 6:00 PM to accommodate our CCD Children who will enjoy the altar at that time. **In the tradition of the St. Joseph Altar, we will accept monetary donations for Manna House.**

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, March 10 at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.
— Mrs. Debbie Brown, President

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will be selling religious items the weekend of March 19th and 20th after all Masses. We will have items for First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Baptism, Rosaries and various religious items.

—Mrs. Debbie Brown, President



LENT 2022

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday, 7:45 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 2:00 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM Spanish

KNIGHT of COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8
4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center

\$10.00 per plate

Drive Thru & Dine In