St. Rita Catholic Church

March 13, 2022
Second 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

Church Office: 445-7120; FAX: 448-0704
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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)
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.

WELCOME AT THE 4:00 MASS
the Class of Menard 1971 Alumni

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
begins this Sunday, don't forget to spring forward!!

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16!
Free Fish/Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 4:15 PM, NO TAKE OUTS!
Blessing of the Altar at 5:00 PM; Donations accepted for MANNA HOUSE!

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 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

Monday, March 14
7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for John Marzullo
6:00 -Doors of Mercy (HFC)

Tuesday, March 15
7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 - Mass for James Louis Dekeyzer
5:30 -RCIA (Moreau Room)
6:00 -Spanish Bible Study (HFC)
Wednesday, March 16
7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Percy J. Legendre, Jr.
4:15 - 5:45-St. Joseph Altar/Fish & Spaghetti Dinner
5:00 -Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar
6:00 -CCD, 7&8 Grade & Confirmation
Thursday, March 17
7:45 -Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue
1:00 -Wise Crackers (St. Martin room)
5:00 -Catholic Daughters Meeting (HFC)
Friday, March 18
7:45 Morning Prayer (Church)
8:00 -Mass for Stanley Desselle, Mary Margaret Matassa, Paul Miletello, George & Edna Rabalais, Al Schexnaider, Sadie Jean Shores, Phala Simmons
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 19
4:00 -Mass for Hilda Gene Ball, John L. Bradus, Kaleb Clark, Jim Curley, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Don Feduccia, Mary Alice Fontenot, Fred & Oceana Geisel, Freddie Lavesphere, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Eric Spangler
5:30 -Mass for the Ardoin Family
Sunday, March 20
8:00 -Mass for George & Edna Rabalais
9:30 -Mass for Marion Polk
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 Henry Ardoin

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 Kyle and Tonya Jordan by LeAnza Jordan; and John Marzullo by his 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: Ex3, 1-8, 13-15 Ps 102 (103), 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-11 1 Cor 10 1-6, 10-12 Lk 13, 1-9 Catechism 541-546

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL: 4:15 - 5:45 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: ***Free Fish/Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Tea. NO TAKEOUTS***! For more information call 445-7141 ext 214.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	**$ 20,737.58**
Sunday Gifts the week of March 6	**$ 17,197.00**
Online & EFT Gifts March 6	**$ 8,807.00**
Over for the week of March 6	**$ 5,266.42**
Lent Weekday Collection	**$ 904.00**
Ash Wednesday/Central Eastern Europe	**$ 3,067.47**
BLDG/Maintenance Fund March	**$ 285.00**
BLDG/Main Online & EFT March	**$ 730.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:
Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own.
Next weekend, in every parish throughout the Diocese of Alexandria, Catholics who have not done so already, will be asked to support the 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation, and education by contributing to the ADA.

OUR SICK: Jack Bender, Barbara Ann Basco, Debbie Brown, Allen Creighton, Ebron Dunn, Donald Lachney, Hope Lachney, Reed Puckett, Mary Robichaux, Brad Stewart, Judy Stokes

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, Shirley Wallace, 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 DeKeyzer, 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, Beverly Polk, Rose Ponthieux, Nanette

Redman, Mark Reitzell, James Schoolcraft, Frances Severance, Jeannette Smith, Bobby Thevenote, Francis Lee Thiels, Virginia Verzwyvelt, 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, 2nd Lt. Jackie E. Mathews, 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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are needed to bring communion to our home bound shut ins. If you can help with this ministry, please call 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet on Thursday, March 17 at 5:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.
– Mrs. Ona Wilson, Regent

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will be selling religious items next weekend 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*

GENESIS OF EVE CONFERENCE: Genesis of Eve is a women's ministry of the Diocese of Alexandria that was formed to develop strong, faith-filled women by providing ways of spiritual encounter, intellectual empowerment, and apostolic evangelization. This May, Genesis of Eve will host its first conference to offer women of all ages an opportunity to find greater meaning and purpose in their lives through Christ. The theme is Come to the Well, which is based on the story of the woman at the well in the Gospel of John. The goal of the weekend is to create an environment where women can deepen their personal relationships with Christ and each other.
The event will include prayer, testimonies, music, worship, and fellowship, and we have four nationally respected presenters who will discuss topics that are on the hearts and minds of all of us after the past two years of struggle. The speakers are Father John Burns, Sarah Swafford, Sister Miriam James Heidland, and Heather Khym. The conference will begin on Friday, May 13th at 6:00pm and end on Sunday, May 15th at noon. All of it will take place at the Riverfront Center in downtown Alexandria. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at genesisofeve.org; you can also find us on Facebook.

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