St. Rita Catholic Church

July 17, 2022
Sixteenth 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.

Code QR for OnLine Giving St. Rita Website

Dial Direct to Extensions: 445-7141

Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., *Pastor* (ext 212)
Rev. David Braquet, *Sacramental Assistance*
Deacon Kenny Sayes, *Permanent Deacon*
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

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

REGISTRATION IS DUE NOW
CCD grades Pre-K - 6, 7 & 8 grade
CONFIRMATION 11th Graders
Please go to www.strita.org to register your child

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, July 16
4:00 -Mass for Hilda Gene Ball, Kaleb Clark, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Stanley Desselle, Clifford DePriest, W.C. Johnson, Jr., Freddie Lavesphere, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Natalie Mendel, Missy Metrejean, Gerald Robichaux, Wayne Salard, Sadie Jean Shores
5:30 -Mass for Paul and Peggy Marcotte
Sunday, July 17
8:00 -Mass for George & Edna Rabalais
9:30 -Mass for Gerald Leglue
11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
12:30 -Spanish Mass for Francis Labatut
5:30 -Mass for Jamie Smith
Monday, July 18
8:00 -Mass for Phala Simmons
Tuesday, July 19
8:00 - Mass for Al Schexnaider
10:00 -Communion by Deacon at Lexington House
Wednesday, July 20
8:00 -Mass for Jerome A. Dekeyzer
Thursday, July 21
8:00 -Mass for Gregory E. Mathews
5:00 -Catholic Daughters (Church)
Friday, July 22
8:00 -Mass for Phyllis Cheek, Dena Flynn, Gerald Leglue, Mary Margaret Matassa, Anna Nagela, Gene Noel, Sadie Jean Shores
Saturday, July 23
4:00 -Mass for Maurice Elias Ashkar, Anthony (Tony) Beaubouef, Phyllis Cheek, Leon and Myrtis Daigre, Stanley Desselle, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa,

Donald Medica, Natalie Mendel, Missy Metrejean, Wayne Salard, Sadie Jean Shores, Linda Taylor
5:30 -Mass for The Ardoin Family
-Memorial Mass for Deceased members of parish

Sunday, July 24
8:00 -Mass for Tunk Andries
9:30 -Mass for Stephen Rodeback
11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita parish
12:30 -Spanish Mass for Linda Taylor
5:30 -Mass for Intention of Benjamin Lolan

ALTAR FLOWERS : 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 : 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: Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13 Catechism 2598-2619 or 2734-2741

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Average expenses for week	**$ 20,737.58**
Sunday Gifts the week of July 10	**$ 12,544.50**
Online & EFT Gifts July 10	**$ 7,787.00**
Short for the week of July 10	**$ 406.08**
BLDG/Maintenance Fund July	**$ 435.00**
BLDG/Main Online & EFT July	**$ 735.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Phillip Brouillette, Annabeth Cotton, Antoniyammal Dharmaraj, Bettie Jeansonne, Richard Paul Juneau, Kenny Mathews, Sam Mayeux, Wally Metrejean, Joan Rachall, Kayla Spangler, Robert "Bob" Sylvia, Patti Williams

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Brenda Bordelon, Judy Bordelon, Melissa Brouillette, Lee Cargle, Melanie Everett, Stacy Ford, Brenda Gremillion, Darlene Gremillion, Helen Mathews, Jonathan Rhea, Mary Robichaux, Donna Robinson, Rickey Sayes, Karen Schrock, Brad Stewart, Cyndee Whittington, Johnny Williams, Leonard Wilson

OUR SHUT- INS: Joan Andries, Taylor Bernard, Lela Bordelon, Nellie Bordelon, Vergie Clay, Aline Cicardo, Elise Coco, Donald Coco, Doris Constance, Frank Crooks, Bennye David, Deborah Davidson Odean Deville, Elizabeth Drake, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Regina Dunn, Mary Ducote, Frances Finney, Philip Frank, Linda Gauthier, Irma Gonzaque, Jessie Griffin, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Marie Koelling, Gerald Lachney, Leah Leonard, Iris Ruth LeJeune, Josephine Marcotte, Zadie Marcotte, Helen Mathews, Gladys Morris, Yvonne Perrin, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Beverly Polk, Rose Ponthieux, Felicia Rachal, Nanette Redman, Mark Reitzell, James Schoolcraft, Frances Severance, Bobby Thevenote, Francis Lee Thiels, Mary Vanderlick, Virginia Verzwyvelt, Willie Voorhies, Veronica Walters, Betty Wilmore, Rivers Wilson, Marilyn Wilson, Pamela Wilson, Anita Wooley, Barbara Wynn

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: CW02 Brad Canrak, CW3 Ron Cole, Staff Sgt. Robert Crawford, Lance Cpl. Amy Fogleman, Major Mike Frazier, 2nd Lt. Jackie E. Mathews, Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy McKnight, PO2 Nicholas Peralta, Sgt. Cole Pleche, PFC Brandon Rashall, 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.

CHURCH IN AFRICA COLLECTION: The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled; but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. From the formation of clergy to communications programs that bring the Gospel to remote territories to youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples, the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges, and support them as they build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Please be generous. To learn more visit https://www.usccb.org/africa Please use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop it in the collection basket.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioners, Gabriel & Haley Rainone. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

2nd QUARTER 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS were sent out last week. If we have your email address, yours went to your email address, otherwise the statements were mailed. If you did not receive your statement, please call Ms. Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210 or email etta@strita.org.

ADULT CHOIR will start back at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, July 24. We will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 PM in the choir room. If you are interested in joining the adult choir, please join us on Tuesday for rehearsal or call Miss Brittany Nugent at 730-0632. *– Miss Brittany Nugent*

SUNDAY BREAKFAST for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, July 24 after the 8:00 & 9:30 AM Mass. Prepared by KC Council #1134. Please plan to join us!!

MASS INTENTIONS: Our Mass Intention book for 2022 is full! We have had an overwhelming request for Masses this year. As in the past, we ask that you consider allowing us to share your Intentions and the stipend of course, with smaller parishes. Unlike large parishes like ours, there are smaller parishes in our own Diocese that may go weeks with no Mass Intention and no stipend for the priest. If you would like to request Masses for 2022, we will be happy to send those Masses to one of the smaller parishes for you. Please consider this when remembering your beloved deceased! *– Ms. Etta Ohrt*

MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, July 23 at the 5:30 Mass for all the members of St. Rita Church who have died January 1 - June 30, 2022. Those to be remembered are Eugene "Tunk" Andries, Jr., Hilda Gene Ball, Raylan Beurlot, Jr., Betty Adell Bordelon, Joyce Carter Bordelon, Phyllis Cheek, Connie Couvillion, Dorothy VanGossen Harmeier, Dorothy "DeeDee' Kramer, Chad Wayne Leavines, Alejandro Lazarin Lira, Benjamin Arthur Lolan, Otride Paul Marcotte, Jr., John Mathews III, Natalie Mendel, Theresa Virgina Messina, Eugene Francis Noel, Jr., Ricardo Ramirez, Cindy Mae Scott, Sadie Jean Shores, Phala Simmons, Linda Taylor, Mable Vead, Shirley Lachney Wallace.
A reception will follow the Bereavement Mass in the foyer of the Holy Family Center. Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry.
This Mass will be Live Streamed on our FaceBook page and our website.

DISPLAY FOR MEMORIAL MASS: If you lost a loved one, between January - June 2022, we will have a table set up in the church foyer for you to display 1 (ONE) framed picture of your loved one. Please put your contact information on the picture, so that we can return to you. The table will be set up in the foyer, the weekend of July 16.

CCD Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year!
Registration is now OPEN!! You can register on our website, www.strita.org for grades PK thru 6th grade! Classes will start on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

7TH & 8TH GRADE YOUTH: Registration is now OPEN!! You can register on our website, www.strita.org. Classes start on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

ATTENTION ALL 11TH GRADERS CONFIRMATION 2023 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 7, 2022. Classes include BOTH Menard and public school students. Please visit our website and register today!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ROSARY on Thursday, July 21 at 5:30 PM in church in memory of Linda Taylor. Everyone is invited to join us.
–Mrs. Ona Wilson, Regent

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center.
We have 6 teams in place who rotate Wednesdays working once every 6 weeks.
The Cook Teams are responsible for cooking the meal on the their scheduled work week.
The serving teams help with serving the meal and cleaning up after the meal, working once every 6 weeks.
If you would like to volunteer and join one of our teams please call, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210 or Donnie Bolton at 613-6187.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE is seeking a ***part time employee*** to work in the store. Hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Need to be able to sort donated items, price items, lift semi heavy items, etc..... Great job for a retired person looking for something extra. For more information, call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.