

St. Rita Catholic Church

December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord

4401 Bayou Rapides Road
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
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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. 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 Ministry
Mr. Maxwell Moreau, Director of Buildings & Maintenance
Miss Kathryn Velotta, Director of Youth Ministries

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! **MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24,
4:00 pm & 5:30 pm (Children's Mass with a special visitor)
MIDNIGHT MASS 12:00

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25
8:00 & 11:00 am; 12:30 pm in Spanish, 5:30 pm
Confessions on Saturday, Christmas Eve, 3:00 - 3:50 pm
4:00 pm & Midnight Mass WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Monday, December 26, 6:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Vigil Masses, Saturday, December 31, 4:00 & 5:30 pm
Mass, Sunday, January 1, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am,
12:30 Spanish Mass & 5:30 pm

LIVE STREAMED Masses every week are 4:00 PM Saturday and at 8:00 AM on Wednesday. The 8:00 AM Wednesday Mass can also be heard on Radio Maria at 580 AM.

Please join us on FaceBook or at www.strita.org. You can also view all our Live Streamed Masses anytime on our website, www.strita.org.

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

All Christmas Masses are for the intention of our parish family, living and deceased. Confessions will be heard from 3:15 - 3:50 PM.

4:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

5:30 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

12:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

8:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased of the parish

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

5:30 -Mass for all living and deceased of the parish

Monday, December 26

8:00 -Mass for Patsy Myers

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 - Mass for Peggy Berlin

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Annette Merritt

6:30 -NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

6:00 -NO RCIA (Moreau Room)

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

Thursday, December 29

8:00 -Mass for Sadie Jean Shores

Friday, December 30

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue, Mary Margaret Matassa, Johnny Mathews, Wally Metrejean, Eileen VanGossen, Rivers Wilson

Saturday, December 31

4:00 -Mass for Alfred Bordelon, Sr., Joyce Bordelon, Rhonda Bordelon, Frank Crooks, Sr., Stanley Desselle, Gerald Leglue, Mary Margaret Matassa, Natalie Mendel, Wally Metrejean, Sadie Jean Shores, Michael Turner, Shirley Wallace

5:30 -Mass for Melva Fairbanks

Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 -Mass for Rev. Joseph Kopec

9:30 -Mass for John "Tyler" Lyles

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Stanley & Antonia Kopec Sr.

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided with the contributions to the Christmas Flower Fund. 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 Dr. Rayland Beurlot by his wife; and Dr. Rayland Beurlot by Charlene Beurlot and children. 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.

BEREAVEMENT CANDLE this week is in memory of Frank Crooks, Sr., The Bereavement Blue candle is located next to the Blessed Mother Statue. Each week the candle will be in memory of deceased parishioners who have died in the previous weeks.

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 WEEK: 18: Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Catechism: 527; 484-487

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL until Wednesday, January 11.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of December 18	\$ 18,632.50
Online & EFT Gifts December 18	\$ 7,642.00
Yearly Contribution	\$ 6,000.00
Contributions for December 18	\$ 32,274.50
BLDG/Maintenance Fund December	\$ 525.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT December	\$ 630.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Paul Medica, Sr., Andrew Rachal

OUR SICK: Andy Beaubouef, Kayla Busby, Ebron Dunn, Zadi Marcotte, Paul Medica, Jr., Mary Robichaux, James Villard, Christi Wells

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Phillip Brouillette, Debbie Brown, Lillian Deville, Stacy Ford, Darlene Corey Gremillion, Marge Harrington, James Ray Lachney, John Morovich, Laura Murchison, Jonathan Rhea, Donna Robinson, Karen Schrock, Eutan Suire, Janet Thiels, Kara Franks Thomas, Cyndee Whittington,

OUR SHUT-INS: Joan Andries, Victor Beaudoin, Lela Bordelon, Vergie Clay, Aline Cicardo, Elise Coco, Donald Coco, Doris Constance, Bennye David, Deborah Davidson Odean Deville, Juanita Dodd, Mary Doine, Elizabeth Drake, Mary Ducote, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Emalae Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Regina Dunn, James Dupont, Mary Fontenot, Philip Frank, Gordon Frederick, Linda

Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzague, Jessie Griffin, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Donna Leblanc, Gerald Lachney, Iris Ruth LeJeune, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Zadi Marcotte, Patty Marian, Helen Mathews, Sam Medica, Gladys Morris, Constance Nasello, Yvonne Perrin, Cleta Perry, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Beverly Polk, Rose Ponthieux, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman, James Schoolcraft, Bobby Thevenote, Francis Lee Thiels, Susan Turner, Virginia Verzwylt, Willie Voorhies, Veronica Walters, Betty Wilmore, Marilyn Ruth Wilson, Pamela Wilson, Anita Wooley, Barbara Wynn

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: CW02 Brad Canrak, Major Brian J. Clayton, 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: For the Christmas holidays and New Year's please note that the parish offices will be closed on the following days; Monday, December 26th, Tuesday, December 27th and Monday, January 2.

If you have an emergency for someone who is seriously ill or dying, please call 445-7141 ext. 4 and a priest will be paged to answer your call.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION on Monday, December 26 at 6:00 PM in church. Everyone is invited to join us.— *Deacon Kenny Sayes*

CHURCH VOCATIONS: This collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the Church Vocations collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please give generously. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop it in the collections basket.

BEGIN 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

—*Mrs. Etta Ohrt*

ATTENTION ACTS LADIES: We are preparing and compiling a list of ladies who have previously attended or teamed a retreat. If you have attended or teamed a previous ACTS retreat, please fill out the form found on the round table in the foyer and drop in collection basket or call the church office at 445-5141 ext 210 to let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MASSES to run the projector with the music and prayers. We will train you, all you have to do is click to each screen when prompted, very simple. Please consider helping us! If you are interested, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.

SPECIAL THANKS: Through your generosity we collected \$4,109 which includes \$910 from our CCD children for our Christmas Families!!! We were able to adopt 5 families with 17 children. The spirit of giving is truly alive at St. Rita!! Thank you for your generosity!! — *Fr. Raj & Mrs. Courtney Brinkman*

SPECIAL THANKS to the Altar and Rosary Society for providing a poinsettia and 2023 Calendar to our home bound shut-ins and our shut ins in Lexington House Nursing Home.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND: It's not too late to remember your loved ones by donating to the Christmas flower fund. A list of the donors and the names of those being remembered will be published in the January 15 bulletin. Donations for the decorating fund is **\$15**. Make checks payable to the St. Rita Altar and Rosary Society, and please include the name(s) of those to be remembered. **Please print the names on the envelope, so we can read the spelling of the names.** Thank you for your support!

NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL• sign up for the newsletter! The Diocese of Alexandria is participating in the **National Eucharistic Revival**. The mission of this three-year revival is "To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist." Stay current with the National movement by registering to receive the weekly "Heart of the Revival Newsletter." To do so, follow this link and scroll down to provide your name and email address: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

— *Bishop Robert Marshall*