

# St. Rita Catholic Church

January 8, 2023  
The Epiphany 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  
Sacristy: 448-9599  
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4  
Website: <http://www.StRita.org> Check our website for individual email addresses.  
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**St. Rita**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
*the hands and heart of Christ*



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St. Rita Website

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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.

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

*start back this Wednesday, January 11, 4:30 - 6:00 PM*

## FAITH FORMATION -- CCD, 6, 7 & 8 GRADE YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION

*resume this Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 PM*

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**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](http://www.strita.org). You can also view all our Live Streamed Masses anytime on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org).**

### Saturday, January 7

4:00 -Mass for Frank Crooks, Sr., Clifford DePriest, Katherine Faclairis, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Leah Leonard, John "Tyler" Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Gerald A. Robichaux, Michael Gerald Robichaux, Alice Belgard Rush, Rivers Wilson, Mary & Stanley Zabrowski

5:30 -Mass for Ardoin Family

### Sunday, January 8

8:00 -Mass for John "Tyler" Lyles

9:30 -Mass for Ronnie Hair

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Sr. Mary Josephine

### Monday, January 9

8:00 -Mass for Wanda Burrows

### Tuesday, January 10

8:00 -Mass for Aileen & Julie Zablonksi

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Mary Alice Weston

6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

6:00 -RCIA (Moreau Room)

### Wednesday, January 11

8:00 -Mass for Janice Smith

4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)

6:00 -Faith Formation - CCD Classes (HFC)

6:00 -6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group (HFC)

6:00 -11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (KC Meeting Room)

### Thursday, January 12

8:00 -Mass for Robert & Rose Zablonksi

**Friday, January 13**

8:00 -Mass for Melvin Hicks, Jr., Rev. Joseph Kopec, Gerald Leglue, Mary Margaret Matassa, Ray Puckett, Jr., David Voelker, Leonard & Rita Zablonksi, Robert & Janet Zablonksi

**Saturday, January 14**

4:00 -Mass for Darrell Ducote, Harold & Mary Jane Ducote, Katherine Faclairis, Helen and Florence Kopec, Henry Kopec, Stanley and Antonia Kopec, Walter and Stanley Kopec, Jr., John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Frances Severance, Stanley & Mary Zablonksi, Intention of Trey & Lori Decker & family

5:30 -Mass for Laura Longo

**Sunday, January 15**

8:00 -Mass for Phyllis Cheek

9:30 -Mass for Mary Snow

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Larry Robin, Jr.

**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** :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 Pope Benedict. 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 4401 Bayou Rapides Road, Bldg C, 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:**20 :Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34 Catechism 386-389

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL** 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Roll, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team and servers this week are the Altar and Rosary Society. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of January 1</b>	<b>\$ 19,553.66</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts January 1</b>	<b>\$ 3,642.00</b>
<b>Contributions for January 1</b>	<b>\$ 23,195.66</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund January</b>	<b>\$ 145.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT January</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

*Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring-our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do-are equally precious in His sight.*

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:** Maynette Dobard, Pope Benedict, Barbara Dobard Rigby, Mary Robichaux

**OUR SICK:** Andy Beaubouef, Kayla Busby, Lee Cargle, Pat Guillory, Shirley Hernandez, Francis Thiels, James Villard

**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, Paul Medica, Jr., John Morovich, Laura Murchison, Jonathan Rhea, Donna Robinson, Karen Schrock, Eutan Suire, Janet Thiels, Kara Franks Thomas, Christi Wells, 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, Zadie 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jackie E. Mathews, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dbrown@strita.org). Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

**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.

**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: (New and Current)** Altar Server Training will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM. Altar Servers enhance the quality of liturgical celebrations by serving the priest and Deacon at Mass and other liturgies. This is a great way for young people to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. Boys and girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older (must have received First Communion) are invited to join the Altar Serving Ministry. ALL servers (new, current and those that would like to see what it is all about) are required to attend this training.

**If your child attends CCD, they will attend the training in place of class.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Courtney Brinkman at [cbrinkman@strita.org](mailto:cbrinkman@strita.org) or 445-7141 x 217 or Deacon Kenny Sayes.

**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](http://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, 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of the month and allows you to make a contribution even if you are unable to attend a service. To sign up for EFT fill out the form on the back of bulletin or call 445-7141 ext 210

—Mrs. Etta Ohrt

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CCD RECONCILIATION INTERVIEWS** on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 PM. Parents and children are required to be there.

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CCD SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** is on Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 AM in Church. —Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

**DISPLAY FOR MEMORIAL MASS:** If you lost a loved one from July 1 - December 31, 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 January 21.

**MEMORIAL MASS** will be celebrated on Saturday, January 28 at 5:30 PM Mass for all members of St. Rita Church who have died July 1 - December 31, 2022. Those to be remembered are George Allen, Jr., Theresa Laura Bordelon, Frank Crooks, Sr., Harry Wayne Desoto, Mary Agnes Difulco, Maynette Dobard, Arpinee Topalain Kayal, Laura Elizabeth Lee, Leah Agnes Leonard, John "Tyler" Lyles, Kenny Mathews, Samuel Joseph Mayeaux, Jr., Wally S. Metrejean, Jr., Alice Belgard Nettles, Annette Powell, Andrew Rachal, III, Barbara Dobard Rigby, Mary Lee Robichaux, Tina Marie Saucier, Frances "Dink" Severence, Kayla Maye Spangler, Cecile "Pete" Thomisee, Rivers Wilson, Jr. **This Mass will be Live Streamed on our FaceBook page and our website.**

**ATTENTION ACTS LADIES/MEN:** We are preparing and compiling a list of ladies/men 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.

**ST. RITA ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY:** January is the month for all members to renew their dues (dues are \$6.00 annually for anyone over the age of 62 and \$12.00 for anyone under 62). You may mail your dues to St. Rita Altar Society, 4401 Bayou Rapides Rd., Alexandria, LA 71303 or drop in collection basket marked St. Rita Altar and Rosary dues.  
—Mrs. Debbie Brown, President

**ATTENTION ALL  
Public & Private School Students  
JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP**  
grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays 6-00-7:00 PM  
**Wednesday, January 11**  
Edge Lesson: How to Win:  
Praying with others

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**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
grades 9 - 12<sup>th</sup>, Sundays, 6:30 PM  
**Sunday, January, 15**  
Life Teen Lesson: Sacramentally Delicious  
The Presence of God in John's Gospel

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**Both Groups will meet in the  
Holy Family Center**  
For more information contact:  
Miss Kathryn Velotta, 623-5337