

St. Rita Catholic Church

April 9, 2023
Resurrection of the Lord

4401 Bayou Rapides Road
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Closed on Fridays
Alexandria, LA 71303

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St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ



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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.

HAPPY EASTER!!

EASTER EGG HUNT
after the 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday

ST. RITA GOLF CLASSIC
next Friday, April 14 at Oak Wing Golf Course
Call 613-4460 to register your team!!!

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.

Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 8

8:00 -Lighting of fire in Courtyard (We will enter the church together. Church will be locked until we enter.)
-Mass of Vigil: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Confirmation, First Eucharist

-Mass intention for all living and deceased members of the parish

Easter Sunday, April 9
Eucharist is not present for adoration in the Chapel until after the 8:00 AM Mass

8:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
9:30 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
10:30 -Easter Egg Hunt (church grounds)
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
5:30 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
Monday, April 10
8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux
6:00 -Acts Ladies Team Meeting (HFC)

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 -Mass for Jerome & Josephine Dekeyzer
 10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Laura Longo
 6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 6:00 -RCIA (Moreau Room)

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 -Mass for Ruby Bohrer
 4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
 6:00 -Faith Formation, CCD, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade & Confirmation (HFC)

Thursday, April 13

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue
 5:30 -Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (HFC)

Friday, April 14

8:00 -Mass for Darlene Koury Gremillion, Alice Henry, Gerald Leglue, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Mary Margaret Matassa, Katie Nasello, Andrew Ricaud

Saturday, April 15

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Freddie Lavesphere, Leah Leonard, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Mary Robichaux, Shirley Sayes, Gretchen Sternfels, Dave Weitzel, Don Weitzel, Janet Lapeyre
 5:30 -Mass for Alfred Baillio

Sunday, April 16

8:00 -Mass for Kayla Spangler
 9:30 -Mass for Marvin Finney
 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
 5:30 -Mass for Marion Polk
 6:30 -**NO** High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214.

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.

BEREAVEMENT CANDLE this week is in memory of Lois Ryder King. 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: Please note that the **St. Pius X Adoration Chapel** will be closed beginning on Holy Thursday at 8:00 AM until after the 8:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31 Catechism 150-152

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL: 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team this week is the Catholic Daughters. The servers are Elaine Haworth, Barbara Cancienne, Marie Pizzo, Candice Rachal. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Sunday Gifts the week of April 2	\$ 18,783.25
Online & EFT Gifts April 2	\$ 4,092.00
Contributions for April 2	\$ 22,875.25
Lenten Weekday Collection	\$ 7,220.50
BLDG/Maintenance Fund March	\$ 2,475.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT March	\$ 1,765.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**:

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA there are pledge envelopes available in each pew. Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of the Diocese.

Parishioners who have not pledged to the ADA have the opportunity to do so with the in pew ADA envelope. Just fill out the envelope and drop in the collection basket.

St. Rita 2023 Goal: \$89,743.00
Pledged to date: \$68,881.00
Paid to date: \$57,677.65

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Jessie Griffin, Joseph Schneider

OUR SICK: Theresa Basco, Michael Branigan, Jerry Brown, Theresa DeSelle, Sandra Deville, Regina Dunn, Billie Jeansonne, Laura Murchison, Michael Rachal, Jean Serio

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Phillip Brouillette, Ann Marie Bruner, Jean Brunson, Kayla Busby, Lillian Deville, Bernis Ebarb, Stacy Ford, Bettie Jeansonne, Tiffany Johnson, James Ray Lachney, Paul Medica, Charlotte Pearson, Jonathan Rhea, Donna Robinson, Karen Schrock, Judy Stokes, Eutan Suire, Kara Franks Thomas, Cyndee Whittington, Mary Winn

OUR SHUT- INS: Joan Andries, Victor Beaudoin, Lela Bordelon, Joseph "Napp" Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Vergie Clay, Aline Cicardo, Elise Coco, Donald Coco, Doris Constance, Benny David, Deborah Davidson, Odean Deville, Juanita Dodd, Mary Doine, Elizabeth Drake, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Emalae Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Regina Dunn, James Dupont, Mary Fontenot, Philip Frank, Gordon Frederick, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzague, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Leta Juneau, Billie Jeansonne, Audrey Jusselin, Donna Leblanc, Gerald Lachney, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Zadi Marcotte, Patty Marian, Helen Mathews, Sam Medica, Gladys Morris, Constance Nasello, Yvonne Perrin, Cleta Perry, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Rose Ponthieux, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman,

James Schoolcraft, Bobby Thevenot, 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, 1st 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 OFFICE will be closed on Monday, April 10.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC SERVERS: Beginning on Holy Thursday, the Diocese gave permission to return to the receiving of the Precious Blood at all Masses. If you are a Eucharistic Minister for weekend Masses, please report to the sacristy before Mass to get your medal.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION: Your donation to the Infirm Priests Fund will help to replenish the fund, which provides assistance for our sick priests when illness exceeds the extent of our group health coverage limits. This is a wonderful expression of gratitude to the priests who have served you so well over the years. Please use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop it in the collection basket. And please remember them in your prayers, recalling their generosity to you.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST next weekend after the 8:00 & 9:30 AM Mass. Please join us.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 or 70th wedding anniversary in 2023, we would like to honor you on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at the 11:00 Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage from the Holy Father, Pope Francis. If you would like to participate, please call the Church Office at 445-7141 ext 214. We have to order the blessing early. Deadline for calling is July 1, 2023.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who supported the KC Fish Fries and Shrimp Dinners during lent. We had a great year and the proceeds will allow the KC's to assist even more of those in need. A special thanks to Fr. Raj and the parish staff for their support.

-Mr. Donnie Bolton – Grand Knight

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, April 13 at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will be selling religious items next weekend April 15th & 16th after all Masses. We will have items for First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Crucifixes, Rosaries and various religious items.

-Mrs. Debbie Brown, President

3rd ANNUAL ST. RITA GOLF CLASSIC benefitting the Youth Groups will be held Friday, April 14 at Oak Wing Golf Club. All funding will go toward the formation and catechization of all youth activities and Cove Crest expenses, such as transportation. To register a team or buy a sponsorship, contact Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.

ENDOW STUDY GROUP for women of young children, young mothers, wives and women discerning marriage are invited as we learn about our faith and grow in friendship. We will meet weekly to read and discuss John Paul II's Letter to Women in this 6 week study, beginning in May. This is an all inclusive study through Endow - no homework, and children are welcome to attend while we meet. The group will be capped at 10 participants, so sign up early! www.endowgroups.org. Email Hope Beard at hopemurchison@gmail.com for more information.