

# St. Rita Catholic Church

April 23, 2023  
Third Sunday of Easter

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  
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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*



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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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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

*Monday, April 24 at 6:00 PM in church*

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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, April 22

4:00 -Mass for Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Maynette Dobard, Gerald Leglue, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Mary Margaret Matassa, Barbara Dobard Rigby, Mary Robichaux, Rickey Sayes, Shirley Sayes, Raymond Villmarette, Rivers Wilson

5:30 -Mass for John Marzullo

### Sunday, April 23

8:00 -Mass for Stephen Ardoin  
9:30 -Mass for Henry Ardoin  
11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish  
12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community  
5:30 -Mass for Mary Robichaux  
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

### Monday, April 24

8:00 -Mass for Bernadine Forest  
6:00 -Acts Ladies Team Meeting (HFC)

### Tuesday, April 25

8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux  
10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for J.B. Burrows  
6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Wednesday, April 26

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue  
4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)  
6:00 -Faith Formation, CCD, 6th, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Confirmation (HFC)

### Thursday, April 27

8:00 -Mass for Ann Powell

### Friday, April 28

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shirley & Rickey Sayes, Dan Schmidt, Pete Snow, Davey & Don Weitzel

### Saturday, April 29

4:00 -Mass for Alfred Bordelon, Sr., Joyce Bordelon, Rhonda Bordelon, Kaleb Clark, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Freddie Lavesphere, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Missy Metrejean, Wally Metrejean, Mary Robichaux, Shirley Sayes  
5:30 -Mass for Mary Difulco

**Sunday, April 30**

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 Frank Crooks, Sr.  
 6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** were provided in loving memory of Sadie Jean Shores by the Shores family. 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 & family; Jimmy Prevot by Gene & Diane Prevot. 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 Margaret Beaubouef. 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.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Acts 2:14, 36-41  
 Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10 Catechism 1539-1553

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL:** 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team this week is the Altar and Rosary. The servers are: Maxine Beard, Lisa Collins, Ann Lahood, Susan Babineaux, Elaine Haworth & Elaine Acosta. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of April 16</b>	<b>\$ 15,445.53</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts April 16</b>	<b>\$ 8,162.00</b>
<b>Contributions for April 16</b>	<b>\$ 23,607.53</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund April</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT April</b>	<b>\$ 895.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:**

St. Rita 2023 Goal: **\$89,743.00**  
 Pledged to date: **\$79,266.00**  
 Paid to date: **\$66,897.10**  
 Still needed to meet goal: **\$10,477.00**

**OUR SICK:** Theresa Basco, Carolyn Branigan, Sandra Deville, Regina Dunn, John Duplan, James Gregory, Laura Murchison, Michael Rachal

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Pierce Babineaux, Michael Branigan, Phillip Brouillette, Jean Brunson, Theresa DeSelle, Lillian Deville, Bettie Jeansonne, Tiffany Johnson, James Ray Lachney, Paul Medica, Charlotte Pearson, Jonathan Rhea, Donna Robinson, Karen Schrock, Jean Serio, Chad Scroggs, Eutan Suire, Kara Franks Thomas, Cyndee Whittington, Mary Winn

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Joan Andries, Victor Beaudoin, Sadie Blakesley, Lela Bordelon, Joseph "Napp" Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Vergie Clay, Aline Cicardo, Elise Coco, Donald Coco, Doris Constance, Bennye David, Deborah Davidson Pat Despino, Odean Deville, Juanita Dodd, Elizabeth Drake, Nathan Ducote, Cecilia Dunn, Ebron Dunn, Emalae Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Regina Dunn, John Duplan, James Dupont, Grace Ellis, Brenda Evans, Mary Fontenot, Philip Frank, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzague, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Gerald Lachney, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Zadi Marcotte, Patty Marian, Helen Mathews, Mildred McCarthy, Nettie Medica, Gladys Morris, Constance Nasello, Clea Perry, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Rose Ponthieux, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman, James Schoolcraft, Bobby Thevenote, Susan Turner, Jenny Valley, Virginia Verzyvelt, Anna Villemarette, 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, 1<sup>st</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.

**ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

We are now distributing communion like we did before COVID. Please review the new guidelines located in the bulletin insert or pick up a printed copy in the Sacristy. If you are a Eucharistic Server, please go the Sacristy before Mass and get your medal. Thank you for your service.

**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.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all sponsors, teams, businesses, volunteers who donated and worked our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Rita Golf Classic. The event was a huge success! We made a profit of \$16,961.49 and all proceeds will go to our high school youth group.

**QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023 were emailed or mailed last week. If you did not receive your statement, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.

**NEW ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS:** If you have moved or changed your phone number or email address, please let us know by calling 445-7141 ext 210 or email information to [etta@strita.org](mailto:etta@strita.org). You can also use a pew envelope with your new information and drop in the collection basket. Thank you in advance for helping us keep our parish records up to date. – Etta Ohrt

**ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH OR HAVE NOT REGISTERED HERE?** If you have not registered, we encourage you to do so. It is important that you do register if you attend church here regularly. That way you will be sure to receive information and services that our parish offers. Please fill out a registration form found in the bulletin racks and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to 4401 Bayou Rapides Road, Alexandria, LA 71303. Some of our young families that grew up in this parish think they are automatically registered parishioners. If you no longer live with your parents and live on your own or have started your own family, you need to register. If you are not sure if you are registered, call 445-7141 ext 214 and we will check your status for you.

**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.

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT:** Applications for the 1<sup>st</sup> St. Rita ACTS Women's Retreat are out. The Retreat will begin on the evening of Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and end at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. It is a wonderful opportunity to rekindle your relationship with God, as well as make beautiful friendships with other women here at St. Rita Church. We have extended our application deadline to Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are applications and more information on the round table in the church foyer.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held June 19-23, 8:00 AM - 12:00. Cost is free for registered parishioners, \$25 for all others. You can go online at [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org) and follow the "VBS Stellar" link to register your child (PK- Gr. 6) or as a volunteer (Gr. 7 - Adult). For more information, contact Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the next Adult Religious program, beginning on Monday, August 7, 2023 for 5 weeks. Watch the bulletin for more details. – Jerry & Gwen Deville

**CRAWFISH BOIL** sponsored by Msgr Peigay Assembly 328 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus on Saturday, April 29, 12:00 - 3:00 PM at the KC Council 3200 Hall, 6656 Coliseum Blvd, across from Walker Honda. \$25 for 5 lbs Crawfish, Corn and Potatoes. Eat in or take out available. KC's will be selling tickets this weekend after all Masses in the church foyer.

**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](http://www.endowgroups.org). Email Hope Beard at [hopemurchison@gmail.com](mailto:hopemurchison@gmail.com) for more information.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA** "Hole Lotta Fun" Golf tournament on Friday, May 19, 2023, at Tamahka Trails Golf Course, Paragon Casino, Marksville, LA. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM, registration at noon, and shotgun start will be at 1:00 PM. Golf tournament will be a Foursome Team. We will have several specialty contests throughout the tournament. Sponsorships are available. Please visit the website [www.cccenla.org](http://www.cccenla.org) and/or contact Kevin S w i t z e r @ 3 1 8 - 3 0 5 - 8 0 5 5 or [kgswitz@bellsouth.net](mailto:kgswitz@bellsouth.net) and/or Heidi Wampler @ 3 1 8 - 4 4 5 - 2 4 0 1 e x t . 5 1 0 or [hwampler@cccenla.org](mailto:hwampler@cccenla.org). We look forward to having a "hole lotta fun" at the tournament.