

St. Rita Catholic Church

May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



Code QR for
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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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1ST COMMUNICANTS

Saturday May 6 at 5:30 PM Mass, reception in HFC after 1st communion

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS!!

Sunday at the 5:30 PM Mass

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, May 6

4:00 -Mass for Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Maynette Dobard, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Gerald Leglue, Leah Leonard, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Barbara Dobard Rigby, Gerald Robichaux, Mary Robichaux, Tina Saucier, Raymond Villamarette, Intention of Trey&Lori Decker & their family

5:30 -Mass for the Ardoin Family

-First Communion for 2nd Graders

Sunday, May 7

8:00 -Mass for Helen Marien Richardson
9:30 -Mass for Jimmy Snow
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 -High School Youth Group (HFC)
-Mass for Graduating Seniors

Monday, May 8

8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider
6:00 -Acts Ladies Team Meeting (HFC)

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux
10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Pauline Crawford
6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 -Mass for Jim Hollier

Thursday, May 11

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

Friday, May 12

8:00 -Mass for Ronnie Hair, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Mary Margaret Matassa, August "Buck" Mathews, Michael Robichaux, Living & deceased members of the Paul Jerome & Lillie Mae Andries Thiels family, Special intention for Jerry & Gwen Deville & family

Saturday, May 13

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Lambert & Bertha Vel Coco, Frank Crooks, Sr., Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Bernadine Forest, Darlene Koury Gremillion, Freddie Lavesphere, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Mary Robichaux, Michael Gerald Robichaux, Shirley Sayes

5:30 -Mass for John Marzullo

Sunday, May 14

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

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

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

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

6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Helen Marien Richardson by John & Maggie Richardson. 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 Gerald Leglue by Connie Leglue. 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 Joseph Schneider. 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 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 P:3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21 Catechism 727-730 or 1285-1314

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of April 30	\$ 14,699.00
Online & EFT Gifts April 30	\$ 4,237.00
Contributions for April 30	\$ 18,936.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund April	\$ 850.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT April	\$ 1075.00

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

St. Rita 2023 Goal: \$89,743.00

Pledged to date: \$92,906.00

Paid to date: \$82,480.50

WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL! Thank you! -Fr. Raj

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: James "Andy" Beaubouef, Shawn Mathews

OUR SICK: Clifton Babineaux, Theresa Basco, Sandra Deville, Regina Dunn, Mickie Faraldo, Bettie Gauthier, Martha Kay Gleason, John Duplan, James Gregory, Tonya Nugent, Michael Rachal

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Carolyn Branigan, 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, 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, Zadio Marcotte, Patty Marian, Helen Mathews, Mildred McCarthy, Nettie Medica, Gladys Morris, Constance Nasello, Cleta Perry, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Rose Ponthieux, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman, James Schoolcraft, Bobby Thevenote, Susan Turner, Jenny Valley, Virginia Verzyvvelt, 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, 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.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Diocese of Alexandria is having a training session on May 16, 6:00 PM at the St. Joseph Center for those individuals who are Eucharistic Ministers.

If you currently serve as a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in St. Rita parish, or you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, I am asking you to please attend this training session.

All Eucharistic Ministers at St. Rita need to be commissioned to serve and attending this workshop will commission you.

Please sign up for the session that best fits your schedule at the Diocese website at www.diocesealex.org.

If you have any questions, please email or call Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or 318-445-6424, ext. 207.

- Fr. Raj

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION:

This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Alexandria to fund our communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in the collection basket.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, May 8 at 12:00 noon in the Moreau Room.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

who were confirmed on Friday May 5, by Bishop Ronald Marshall. Those students confirmed were Ava Ahrens, Ryan Stephen Bordelon, Caleb Cole Franklin, Bryn Givens, Bailey Lacombe-Bennett, Bennett Wallace Loyacano, Camille Nicole Mansour, Cortlin Gerard Nassif, Lauren Sampey, Cade Scherer, Christina Scherer and Bradley Wilson. Special thanks to the Confirmation teachers Gabe and Heather Johnson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1ST COMMUNICANTS

who made their 1st Communion on Saturday, May 6 at the 5:30 PM Mass. Those receiving their 1st communion were: Felice Clarc Beard, William Bolton Chenevert, Brynn Chumley, Joseph Gordon Downey, Victoria Grace Eaglin, Mary Margaret Enger, Isabella May Callie Fields, Lillian Hope Garrett, Rowan Mailetto Jose, Matthew Edwin Lee, Austin Matthew Meaux, Ryan Page Mock, Monroe Faith Morley, Arianna Nievella Orozco, Emery John Orozco, Landyn Thomas Pierite, Rhett Patrick Redmond, Aston Michael Suttles, Christian Thomasee and Eva Briar Waters. Special thanks to the 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Nicole Glanker and Lilly Glanker.

GRADUATING SENIORS MASS on Sunday, May 7 at 5:30 PM Mass. Please wear your cap and gown! Please email a picture of your senior to cbrinkman@strita.org.

FAITH FORMATION - CCD Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year! Registration is now OPEN!! You can register on our website, www.strita.org for grades PK thru 5th grade! Classes will start on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

FAITH FORMATION - 6th 7th & 8th GRADE YOUTH: Registration is now OPEN!! You can register on our website, www.strita.org. Classes start on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

ATTENTION ALL 11TH GRADERS CONFIRMATION 2024 Registration is due NOW!

Our confirmation program is a ONE year program for students that are entering their JUNIOR year. Classes will begin on September 6, 2023. Classes include BOTH Menard and public school students. Please visit our website and register today!

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 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.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 or 70th wedding anniversary in 2023, and you are a parishioner of St. Rita, 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.

LEGACY BRICKS in the Prayer Garden, we have 125 bricks available, so we are opening the orders up again. The bricks cost \$125 and can be engraved for a deceased or living family member. Order forms can be found on the round table in the foyer. This offer is for a limited time only, so get your brick today!! For more information, call 445-7120.

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

MALE EMPLOYEE NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE: SVD is looking to hire a male employee who can lift boxes, unload merchandise, sweep and mop floors, etc..... This is a part time position, 20 hours per week, Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Great position for someone who is retired. For more information, call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.