

# St. Rita Catholic Church

June 18, 2023  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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  
EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4  
Website: <http://www.StRita.org> Check our website for individual email addresses.  
Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.



**St. Rita**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
*the hands and heart of Christ*

Code QR for  
OnLine Giving  
St. Rita Website



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Dial Direct to Extensions: 445-7141

**Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., Pastor** (ext 212)  
**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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## HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

*A special blessing and gift for all Fathers at each Mass*

**REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE**  
*please register your child/ren as soon as possible*  
**Faith Formation, CCD grades Pre-K - 5,**  
**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group**  
**CONFIRMATION 11<sup>th</sup> Graders**

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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, June 17

4:00 -Mass for Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Bernadine Forest, Billie Jeansonne, Gerald Leglue, Bob & Leah Leonard, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Mary Robichaux, Shirley & Rickey Sayes, Barbara Estes Smith, Living & deceased members of the Paul Jerome & Lillie Mae Andries Thiels family

5:30 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

### Sunday, June 18

8:00 -Mass for all living & deceased Fathers

9:30 -Mass for all living & deceased Fathers

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased Fathers

5:30 -Mass for all living & deceased Fathers

### Monday, June 19

8:00 -Mass for Rayland Beurlot

### Tuesday, June 20

8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Pauline Crawford

6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Wednesday, June 21

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

### Thursday, June 22

8:00 -Mass for Sid Rud, David Voelker

**Friday, June 23**

8:00- Mass for Andy Beaubouef, Billie Jeansonne, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Davey & Don Weitzel, Wayne Wells

**Saturday, June 24**

4:00 -Mass for Beverly Bohrer, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Billie Jeansonne, Francis Lee Thiels, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Laura Murchison, Mary Robichaux, Michael Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette

5:30 -Mass for Wally Metrejean

**Sunday, June 25**

8:00 -Mass for Jake Spangler

9:30 -Mass for Ronnie Hair

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for all deceased members of the Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Mary Robichaux

**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 & 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 Andy 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:** Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33 Catechism 1030-1032 or 1033-1037

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of June 11</b>	<b>\$ 20,535.45</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts June 11</b>	<b>\$ 7,902.00</b>
<b>Contributions for June 11</b>	<b>\$ 28,462.45</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund June</b>	<b>\$ 830.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT June</b>	<b>\$ 655.00</b>

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

St. Rita 2023 Goal: \$89,743.00

Pledged to date: \$103,571.00

Paid to date: \$95,812.80

**WE ARE OVER OUR GOAL! Thank you! -Fr. Raj**

**OUR SICK:** Lillian Costa, Alyssa Dunn, Buddy Faulkner, Bettie Jeansonne, Farrell LaCombe, Baby Wylder Mashburn, Etta Ohrt, Cynthia Parker, Jimbo Thiels, Mary Winn, Joel Wood

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Barbara Alewine, Pierce Babineaux, Theresa Basco, Jean Brunson, Lillian Deville, Sandra Deville, James Ray Lachney, Tina LaBorde, Bessie LeJeune, Paul Medica, Charlotte Pearson, Jonathan Rhea, Donna Robinson, Karen Schrock, Chad Scroggs, Eutan Suire, Kara Franks Thomas, Cyndee Whittington, Patsy Wilmore, 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, Micki Faraldo, Mary Fontenot, Philip Frank, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzaque, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Gerald Lachney, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Zadie Marcotte, Patty Marian, Helen Mathews, Mildred McCarthy, Nettie Medica, Gladys Morris, Constance Nasello, Cleta Perry, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Rose Ponthieux, Lee Procel, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman, James Schoolcraft, Bobby Thevenote, Susan Turner, Jenny Valley, Virginia Verzwuyvelt, 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.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in the collection basket. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION:** If you would like to participate in the offertory procession by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine at Mass, then let an usher know before Mass! Our ushers don't always know who would be willing to participate in this way, so volunteer!

**ON LINE 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. Also, using your credit card allows your contribution to count towards any rewards programs offered by your card provider.

To sign up for EFT, call 445-7141 ext 210 and we will mail a form to you. We will take care of setting everything up for you.  
—Mrs. Etta Ohrt

**IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER IS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL** please let us know! *Due to the Privacy Act now in place at all the hospitals, we are no longer able to get a list of patients from the hospitals.* During office hours you may call 445-7120. If you are admitted to the hospital after office hours or on the weekend, please call 445-7141 ext 4.

If you have a surgery scheduled in advance, you may see one of the priests in the Sacristy or confessional before Mass, or call us at anytime. Please remember in emergencies to call us at 445-7141 ext 4. This will insure that a priest or one of our hospital visitors from St. Rita will be able to see you. We will also know to pray for you in a special way!  
—Fr. Raj

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We are told through Scripture and the Church that “it is a good and holy practice to pray for the dead.” This is why the Church offers Mass Intentions.

Please keep in mind that we are a parish of 1,400 families, and celebrate an average of 50 funerals per year. Almost as soon as we receive the Mass Intention Book for the upcoming calendar year it is filled! That is why we try to inform you that if you request a particular date, it might not be available. The request for certain dates and times can also make it hard for families that are actively grieving the recent loss of a loved one to schedule Masses.

To alleviate this issue, some years ago the Church began allowing “Multi Intention Masses.” We celebrate these at St. Rita on Fridays at 8:00 AM and Saturdays at 4:00 PM (Only two Multi-Intention Masses are allowed per week.)

As in the past we ask that you consider allowing us to share your Intentions, and the stipend of course, with smaller parishes. Unlike large parishes like ours, there are smaller parishes in our own Diocese that may go weeks with no Mass Intention and no stipend for the priest. Please consider this as an option when remembering your beloved deceased!

**TRAVELING VOCATIONS STOLE:** Please consider signing up for the St. Rita Parish Traveling Vocations Stole! We ask that you volunteer to take the Priest Stole home with you for one week, and to pray daily for vocations with those in your house. The stole and sign up sheet are located in the church foyer.

Please call the church office, for more information, 445-7120.

**FAITH FORMATION - CCD Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year!** Registration is now OPEN!! You can register on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org) for grades PK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Classes will start on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

**FAITH FORMATION - 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH:** Registration is now OPEN!! You can register on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org). Classes start on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

**ATTENTION ALL 11<sup>TH</sup> 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!

**ST. RITA PRAYER GARDEN LEGACY BRICKS:** Didn't get your legacy brick for your loved one who is living or deceased? We have had several requests to purchase a brick. We have 125 bricks available and the bricks are \$125 each. To order your brick call the church office at 445-7120, or stop by the church office. There are also order forms on the round table in the church foyer. For more information call, 445-7141 ext 214. **Deadline for ordering bricks August 1.**

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS** such as rosaries, baptism items, car visor medals, holy water bottles, women's religious jewelry, large home crucifixes, etc... are available for sale at the church office. Proceeds benefit the Altar & Rosary Society.

**STEUBENVILLE VOLUNTEERS** needed to help serve the meals. The conference will be held June 23 - 25. New and returning volunteers need to contact: George Simms, 201-0356 or Belinda Guillory, 290-7709.

**SUPPER WITH THE SEMINARIANS** on Thursday, July 27 in the Holy Family Center. This is a fund-raiser for the seminarians in our Diocese. Please support this important fund-raiser. For more information or to make a reservation, email Sandi Tarver at [starver@diocesealex.org](mailto:starver@diocesealex.org).