

St. Rita Catholic Church

July 23, 2023
Sixteenth 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
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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



Dial Direct to Extensions: 445-7141

Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., Pastor (ext 212)
Rev. Joshua Burch, Associate Pastor (ext 211)
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
Ms. 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.

Memorial Mass at 5:30 PM on Saturday, July 22, 2023.
Please pray for all the deceased.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2023

GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY DAY

*“His mercy is from age to age”
theme chosen by Pope Francis
from the gospel of Luke*

Please join us for breakfast after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Mass in the HFC

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, July 24 at 6:00 PM

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, July 22

4:00 -Mass for Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Billie Jeansonne, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Mary Robichaux, Shirley Sayes, Francis Lee Thiels, Intention of Marie Crooks, Rene Crooks & Madison Cotton

5:30 -Mass for Earleen Baillio

Sunday, July 23

8:00 -Mass for Bernadine Forest

9:30 -Mass for Rose Broadnax

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 Howard & Sadie Jean Shores
Monday, July 24
 8:00 -Mass for Patty Burrows
Tuesday, July 25
 8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue
 10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Henry Ardoin
 6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Wednesday, July 26
 8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux
Thursday, July 27
 8:00 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte
Friday, July 28
 8:00- Mass for Kenneth Dufour, Billie Jeansonne, Melvin Hicks, Jr., John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa
Saturday, July 29
 4:00 -Mass for Andy Beaubouef, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Dr. Kara Vaughn Jackson, Billie Jeansonne, Gerald Leglue, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Michael (Mickey) Matthews, Mary Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette, Wayne Wells, Living & deceased members of the Paul Jerome & Lillie Mae Andries Thiels family
 5:30 -Mass for the intention of Marie Crooks & Rene Saucier Crooks
Sunday, July 30
 8:00 -Mass for Houston, Lucille & Paul Dunn
 9:30 -Mass for Michael (Mickey) Matthews
 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased parishioners of the Spanish Community
 5:30 -Mass for Mary Robichaux

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of all deceased parishioners who are being honored at the Bereavement Mass. 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 Billie Jeansonne by Hershail & Martha Durand; and Michael (Mickey) Matthews by the Matthews 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 Nancy Benjamin. 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: 1Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 7276-77, 127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 Catechism 2822-2827

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of July 16	\$ 13,423.00
Online & EFT Gifts July 16	\$ 8,092.00
Contributions for July 16	\$ 21,515.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund July	\$ 385.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT July	\$ 1,130.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: JoAnn Andries, Micki Faraldo, Peggy Guillory, Jean Hollier, Farrell LaCombe, Anna Martinez, Baby Cal Stevens, Jackie Withcer

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Theresa Basco, Phillip Brouillette, Jean Brunson, Bobbi Chatelain, Lillian Costa, Lillian Deville, Sandra Deville, Tina LaBorde, Bettie Jeansonne, James Ray Lachney, Bessie LeJeune, Paul Medica, Cynthia Parker Charlotte Pearson, Jonathan Rhea, Donna Robinson, Karen Schrock, Chad Scroggs, Eutan Suire, Jimbo Thiels, Kara Franks Thomas, Mary Winn, Cyndee Whittington, Patsy Wilmore, Joel Wood

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, Kathy Lacour, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Zadi 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 Verzwylt, 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.

CHURCH IN AFRICA COLLECTION: Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The solidarity fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in the collection basket. Please be generous to this collection.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION on Monday, July 24 at 6:00 PM in church. Everyone is invited to join us!

5th SUNDAY ROSARY after the 9:30 AM Mass, led by KC Council #1134. Everyone is invited to join us.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, please call the church office at 445-7141 ext. 214. Classes will begin in September. We are glad to work within your schedule and help you in any way to become a Catholic.

– Fr. Raj, Ann Madsen, Patti Williams

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 ensure 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

MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated this Saturday, July 22 at the 5:30 Mass for all the members of St. Rita Church who have died January 1 - June 30, 2023. Those to be remembered are Victor Beaudoin, Sr., James Andy Beaubouef, Margaret Carroll Beaubouef, Frank Joseph Candiloro, Mary Lena Ducote, Bernadine Petrus Forest, Glyndene Frederick, Jessie Barton Griffin, Billie Cooper Jeansonne, Lois Clinnell King, Iris Ruth LeJeune, Shawn Mathews, Laura Hopewell Murchison, Jerry Rachal, Shirley Sayes, Richard Rickey Sayes, Joseph Nicholas Serio, Jo Etta Smith, Donna Luneau Swinnen, Elizabeth Thiels, Francis Lee Thiels, Wayne Wells.

A reception will follow the Bereavement Mass in the foyer of the Holy Family Center. Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry.

ST. RITA CAR WINDOW DECALS are available on the round table in the church foyer or at the church office.

ADULT CHOIR will start back at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, August 6. We will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 PM in the choir room. If you are interested in joining the adult choir, please join us on Tuesday for rehearsal or call Miss Brittany Nugent at 730-0632.

– Miss Brittany Nugent

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!

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.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS will begin on Wednesday, September 6, 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. Volunteers are needed for the following teams;

Cook Teams are responsible for cooking the meal on their scheduled work week.

Serving teams help with serving the meal and cleaning up after the meal.

If you would like to volunteer and join one of our teams please call, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210 or Donnie Bolton at 613-6187.

SUPPER WITH THE SEMINARIANS: Join us for a delicious meal and meet the seminarians of the Diocese of Alexandria on Thursday, July 27 at St. Rita Church in the Holy Family Center. Serving times will be 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM for the Seminarian Supper! Any donations will benefit the Seminarian Education Fund. Reserve your space at www.diocesealex.org or call Sandi at (318) 445-6424, ext. 209 or email starver@diocesealex.org office.