

St. Rita Catholic Church

July 30, 2023
Seventeenth 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

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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.

CCD GRADES PRE-K - 5, JR. HIGH YOUTH GRADE 6th, 7th, 8th, CONFIRMATION 11TH GRADERS

*please go to our website www.strita.org and register your child
as soon as possible, so we can plan the year!*

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 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

Monday, July 31

8:00 -Mass for Eric Spangler

Tuesday, August 1

8:00 -Mass for Wally Metrejean, Missy Metrejean

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House in honor of Danny & Terri Coombs on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, August 2

8:00 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

Thursday, August 3

8:00 -Mass for Daniel Juneau

Friday, August 4

8:00- Mass for Melvin Hicks, Jr., Gerald Leglue, Mary Margaret Matassa, Sid Rud, David Voelker, Don Van Gossen

Saturday, August 5

4:00 -Mass for Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Ronnie Hair, Billie Jeansonne, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Gerald & Mary Robichaux, Michael

Robichaux, Shirley & Rickey Sayes, Intention of Trey & Lori Decker & family

5:30 -Mass for the Ardoin Family

Sunday, August 6

8:00 -Mass for Marvin Finney

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 Andy Beaubouef, Shawn Mathews

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Natalie Mendel by her 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 Billie Jeansonne by Hershal & Martha Durand; and family & friends of Anita Wooley. 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 deceased members of the parish. 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: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, 2, Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of July 23	\$ 14,919.00
Online & EFT Gifts July 23	\$ 4,880.00
Contributions for July 23	\$ 19,799.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund July	\$ 635.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT July	\$ 1,130.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: JoAnn Andries, Peggy Guillory, Farrell LaCombe, Traci Wehrle-Nassif, 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, Jean Hollier, Tina LaBorde, Bettie Jeansonne, James Ray Lachney, Bessie LeJeune, Paul Medica, Cynthia Parker Caroline 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.

SPECIAL THANKS to the KC Council #1134 for preparing the breakfast for the Grandparents and Elderly on Sunday.

KC COUNCIL #1134 will recite the Rosary for general intentions after the 9:30 AM Mass this weekend. Everyone is invited to join us.

SPECIAL THANKS to the bereavement committee for hosting the reception after the bereavement Mass last Saturday. Thanks for all that you do for St. Rita.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (OCLA – 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

ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: All Ministers who attended the training at the diocese and the church will be commissioned at all the Masses next weekend. Your training certificate will be available in the sacristy after Mass.

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*

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE has school uniforms for all your children's needs. The store is located at 1210 Bolton Ave, hours are Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Stop in and see what they have to sell.

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***St. Joseph Catholic Center
Alexandria***

Wednesday, August 2nd - 1:00pm

***St. Joseph Catholic Center
Alexandria***

Tuesday, August 15th - 6:00pm

Minors are not allowed because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

To pre-register: Go to www.virtus.org; click on the FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT button; complete all requested information.

Every adult who works/volunteers with minors in the Diocese of Alexandria's churches/schools is required to be trained in child sexual abuse awareness.

The session lasts 2½ - 3 hours.