

St. Rita Catholic Church

August 6, 2023
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4401 Bayou Rapides Road
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Closed on Fridays
Alexandria, LA 71303



St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ

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.

Code QR for
OnLine Giving
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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

will be Commissioned at all Masses this weekend

GOD BLESS ALL TEACHERS & STUDENTS

as they return to classes next week

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

begins Monday, August 7 at 6:00 PM in the HFC

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, 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

Monday, August 7

8:00 -Mass for Jake Spangler

6:00 -Bible Study (HFC)

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for John Crawford

6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, August 9

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

Thursday, August 10

8:00 -Mass for Shirley Sayes

Friday, August 11

8:00- Mass for Andy Beaubouef, Kenneth Dufour, Billie Jeansonne, Gerald Leglue, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Living & deceased members of the Paul Jerome & Lillie Mae Andries Thiels family

Saturday, August 12

4:00 -Mass for Roy Aldret, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Billie Jeansonne, C.D. Laborde, Peter Laborde, Gerald Leglue, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, John Marzullo, Mary Margaret Matassa, Laura Murchison, Mary Robichaux, Wayne Wells

5:30 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

Sunday, August 13

8:00 -Mass for Kayla Spangler

9:30 -Mass for the intention of Jerry & Gwen Deville

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 Rose Broadnax

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in honor of James & Louise Shahan on their 57th Wedding Anniversary. 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 Earleen Baillio by Bobby Baillio; and Andy Beaubouef & Shawn Mathews by Encompass Health. 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 Joanne Mahfouz. 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: 1 Kgs 19:9a 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-23 Catechism 168-169

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of July 30	\$ 15,268.00
Online & EFT Gifts July 30	\$ 3,142.00
Contributions for July 30	\$ 18,410.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund July	\$ 780.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT July	\$ 1,155.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Cheryl Arbour, Shirlene Maillet Mertens, Baby Olive Robertson

OUR SICK: JoAnn Andries, Barbara Barham, 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 Falardo, Mary Fontenot, Philip Frank, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzague, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Leta Juneau, Audrey Jusselin, Gerald Lachney, Kathy Lacour, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Zadie Marcotte, Patty Marian, Helen Mathews, Mildred McCarthy, Nettie Medica, Gladys Morris, Constance Nasello, Clea Perry, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Rose Ponthieux, Lee Procel, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman, James Schoolcraft, Bobby Thevenote, Susan Turner, Jenny Valley, Virginia Verzwylt, Anna Villemarete, 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.

THE NEW PROCESSIONAL CROSS was donated in loving memory of Alfred and Betty Mathews by an anonymous donor. Thank you for your donation.

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, August 10 at noon in the Holy Family Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at noon in the Holy Family Center.

MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER COLLECTION:

Established in the 1940s by Bishop Charles P. Greco, Maryhill is used extensively by many seeking a spiritual and restful place to hold retreats and functions throughout the year. It continues to serve as the spiritual heart of the Diocese of Alexandria. Funds from this collection will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the structures and grounds in order to keep this sacred gift available to us. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope and drop in the collection basket. Please give generously.

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 Masden, 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 this weekend. Your training certificate will be available in the sacristy after Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

celebrated on Tuesday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The Priests will visit all homebound shut-ins on Tuesday, August 15. Masses for the Holy Day are 4:00 on Monday, August 14 and Masses on Tuesday are 7:00, 8:00 AM, 12:05 and 5:30 PM.

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

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!

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.

WOMEN'S GENESIS OF EVE "BE NOT AFRAID" CONFERENCE

will be held at the Randolph Riverfront Center September 8 - 10. Join them for a weekend of spiritual encounter, intellectual empowerment and apostolic evangelization. This conference, rooted in our catholic faith, will provide a weekend away from the demands of life and offer spiritual encounter through prayer and testimonies, intellectual empowerment via educational tracks and evangelization via meeting and talking with other women. The goal of this weekend is to create an environment where women of all ages can deepen their personal relationship with Christ.

The 2023 conference theme is "Be Not Afraid". Joan of Arc is our featured saint for the 2023 conference. Throughout the 2023 conference the speakers will weave our theme into their talks as we'll reflect on Saint Joan of Arc's legacy and be inspired by her story to keep pushing forward no matter what obstacles may come our way.

Tickets can be purchased online at the Genesis of Eve website.