

St. Rita Catholic Church

September 10, 2023
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
this Sunday behind the Holy Family Center
12:00 PM - grades PreK - 8 & 6:30 PM - grades 9 - 12

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S COOKBOOKS
available in the church foyer after all Masses this weekend.

**2nd GRADE FAITH FORMATION PARENTS
RECONCILIATION MEETING**
Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 PM in Church

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, September 9

4:00 -Mass for Roy Aldret, Cheryl Arbour, Andy Beaubouef, Rose Broadnax, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Gerald Leglue,

Richard Love, JohnTyler Lyles, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Mary Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette, Living & deceased members of the Paul Jerome & Lillie Mae Andries Thiels family

5:30 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

Sunday, September 10

8:00 -Mass for In honor of Danny & Terrie Coombs on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

9:30 -Mass for Ronnie Hair

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 Intention of Jerry & Gwen Deville

Monday, September 11

8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux

5:15 to 5:45 - Adoration

6:00 -Bible Study (HFC)

Tuesday, September 12

8:00 -Mass for Daniel Juneau

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Loretta Bohrer

6:00 -Spanish Religious Education (KC Meeting Room)

6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, September 13

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)

6:00 -Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th (Church Foyer)

-6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group (HFC)

-11th Grade Confirmation (KC Meeting Room)

Thursday, September 14

8:00 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

6:00 -High School Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

6:30 -Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (HFC)

Friday, September 15

8:00- Mass for Leta Juneau, Mary Margaret Matassa, Katie Nasello, Sid Rud, David Voelker, Intention of Bob Jeansonne

Saturday, September 16

4:00 -Mass for Cheryl Arbour, Andy Beaubouef, Melissa Close, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Dr. Kara Vaughn Jackson, Leta Juneau, Bob & Leah Leonard, Richard Love, Joan Mahfouz, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Mary Robichaux, Wayne Wells

5:30 -Mass for Missy Metrejean, Wally Metrejean

Sunday, September 17

8:00 -Mass for Houston, Lucille & Paul Dunn

9:30 -Mass for Billie Jeansonne

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 Victor Beaudoin

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Foster Wilson by Leonard & Ona Wilson. 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 Billie Jeansonne by Hershal & Martha Durand. 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 Zachary Veillon. 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: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35 Catechism 2838-2845

BIBLE STUDY will start again this Monday at 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. There will be Adoration before bible study at 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Roll, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team this week is the Altar Society; Jeannine Babineaux, Debbie Brown, Brenda Daenen, Theresa Deselle, Belinda Guillory, Gina Lachney, Hope Lachney. Servers this week are Susan Babineaux, Maxine Beard, Lisa Collins, Rae Hair and Elaine Hayward. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of September 4	\$ 19,231.00
Online & EFT Gifts September 4	\$ 3,277.00
One Time Once Year Gift	\$ 7,000.00
Contributions for September 4	\$ 29,508.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund September	\$ 340.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT September	\$.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Shirley Agliano, Barbara Alewine, Joan Andries, Chris Bordelon, Janet Thiels

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Stacey Ardoin, Pierce Babineaux, Jennifer Brossette, Bobbi Chatelain, Stan Fryer, Caroline Pearson, Jackie Whitcer

OUR SHUT- INS: Shirley Agliano, 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, James Dupont, Grace Ellis, Brenda Evans, Micki Faraldo, Mary Fontenot, Philip Frank, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzague, Peggy Guillory, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, 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 Verzwylvelt, 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.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioners, Carl Berlin, Jr.; Hendrick Broussard, III; and David and Amanda Lluvera and their families. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

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

2nd GRADE FAITH FORMATION PARENTS RECONCILIATION MEETING on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 PM in church. All 2nd grade parents are required to attend.

–Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

ACTS COMMISSIONING for the next Men's ACTS team will be Sunday, September 17th at the 11:00 AM Mass. The retreat has been scheduled for January 4th - 7th, 2024 at Maryhill. The directors will be Ken Wasmer, Nic Ohrt and Paul Coreil. Applications to attend the retreat will be made available soon! Please keep these men in your prayers.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST next weekend after the 8:00 and 9:30 AM Mass in the Holy Family Center. Prepared by the KC Council #1134.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2023: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened; Matthew 11:28” Sunday, September 17 is Catechetical Sunday. We invite and encourage all Faith Formation Teachers and aides, Confirmation team, Youth Ministry team, Bible Study/Adult Education facilitators, and the OCIA team to be present for a commissioning at the 9:30 AM Mass. We thank you for the great ministry you provide to our parish! –Mrs. Courtney Brinkman, Fr. Raj

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. James Cardinal Gibbons, our first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, affectionately called the collection “the people’s endowment.” Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection. Please support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. For more information visit: <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection>. Please give generously.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, September 14, 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

HEART OF LOUISIANA CREDIT UNION: If you or any member of your family are parishioners of St. Rita Church, you are eligible to join Heart of Louisiana Credit Union. By joining you begin a lifetime of benefits. Your savings deposited earn dividends and loans can be made for any purpose. All deposits are insured up to \$250,000. Stop by any of our locations or call 473-4562 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY on Thursday nights at 6:00 PM in the Moreau room. All high school youth are invited to join us.

–Fr. Joshua Burch

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Sundays after the 5:30 PM Mass in the Holy Family Center. Sunday, September 17 we will have Game Night, *getting to know you games* and Pizza!! All high school youth are invited to join us!!

–Miss Kathryn Velotta

ST. RITA FALL FESTIVAL 2023

Saturday, October 28

Watch the bulletin for more information!

We are collecting items for our SILENT AUCTION such as small furniture, antiques, collectibles, etc.....

Your donations may be dropped off at the MAINTENANCE SHOP located behind the Holy Family Center between the hours of 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday - Thursday ONLY. Drop off the items in front of the garage door of the shop.

WE NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PICK UP ANY ITEMS.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS AT THE PARISH OFFICE!

Contact Debbie Brown, 445-7141 ext 214 or Etta Ohrt, 445-7141 ext 210