

St. Rita Catholic Church

September 24, 2023
Twenty-Fifth 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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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
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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, September 25, 6:00 PM

NO SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY THIS MONDAY

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S COOKBOOKS

are available at the church office.

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 23

4:00 -Mass for Andy Beaubouef, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Kenneth Dufour, Ronnie Hair, Leta Juneau, Gerald Leglue, Richard Love, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Mary Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette

5:30 -Mass for the Intention of Marie Crooks, Renee Saucier Crooks

Sunday, September 24

8:00 -Mass for Zachary Veillon

9:30 -Mass for Joan Mahfouz

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for deceased Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Mary Robichaux

6:30 -High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

Monday, September 25

8:00 -Mass for Eric Spangler

6:00 -Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

6:00 -NO Bible Study (HFC)

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for the intention of Stacey Ardoin

6:00 -Men's ACTS Team Meeting (HFC)

6:00 -OCIA (Moreau Room)

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

6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux

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 28

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

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

Friday, September 29

8:00 -Mass for Victor Beaudoin, Leta Juneau, Mary Margaret Matassa, Missy Metrejean, Wally Metrejean

Saturday, September 30

4:00 -Mass for Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Billie Jeansonne, Hank Lichtman, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Rose Ponthieux, Mary Robichaux, Living & deceased members of the Paul Jerome & Lillie Mae Andries Thiels family

5:30 -Mass for Kayla Spangler

Sunday, October 1

8:00 -Mass for Jake Spangler

9:30 -Mass for Billie Jeansonne

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

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

5:30 -Mass for Victor Beaudoin

6:30 -High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Joan Mahfouz by the Fazio 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 Melissa Close by Frank & Mary Jane Close and Sr. Marlene Labbe' by Gerard & Lisa Labbe'. 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 Janet Thiels. 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: Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32 Catechism 2006-2011

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Meatsauce, Spaghetti, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out.

Cook Team this week is Alan and Brenda Daenen, Rodney Feazell, Jerri Forbis, Gerald Labbe', Tammy Woodington, Wayne Yarbrough, Sharon Yarbrough.

Servers this week are Barbara Barham, Mike Barbam, Dale Dasko, Lisa Labbe', Ann Masden, Martin Masden, Benny Vandersypen, Phyllis Vilar, Michael Wynn, Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of September 17	\$ 16,247.85
Online & EFT Gifts September 17	\$ 9,307.00
One Time Contribution	\$ 10,000.00
Contributions for September 17	\$ 35,554.85
BLDG/Maintenance Fund September	\$ 550.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT September	\$ 705.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Janet Thiels

OUR SICK: Shirley Agliano, Barbara Alewine, Charlene Beurlot, Shannon Bray, Kathy Burns, Linda Chesser, Donnie Rivers, Pam Rivers, Ann Setliff, Debbie Setliff, Tommy Vermaelen, Mary Winn

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

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 Gonzalez, Peggy Guillory, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, 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, 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, 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.

PLEASE DO NOT display any yard signs of any kind on church property. Church property CAN NOT be used for any activity related to the support of or opposition to any candidate for political office. Political signs and use of church property is forbidden by Diocesan law, as the church is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization as defined by the IRS. Any yard signs will be taken up and discarded.

NO SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY this Monday, September 25, due to the Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

this Monday, September 25 at 6:00 PM in church. Everyone is invited to join us.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioners, Mike and Marlene Sawrie. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

BEST WISHES AND FAREWELL to Maxwell Moreau our maintenance supervisor who is retiring on September 26. Enjoy your retirement!!

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

CDA COOKBOOKS are available at the church office, Monday - Thursday, 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Cookbooks are \$20 each.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retired priests must be adjusted periodically as well. We appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and ask that you remember them in your prayers. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop it in the collection basket.

BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT will be on Monday, October 9 at Oakwing Golf Course. The tournament will benefit the Seminarian Education fund. To sign up a team or to become a sponsor, contact Sandi Tarver at starver@diocesealex.org



On Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 PM in the St. Rita Prayer Garden. All dogs, cats, birds, etc..... are welcome to come for the blessing.

ATTENTION ALL Public & Private School Students JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Wednesdays 6-00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 27

Edge Lesson:

What is the Eucharist?

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

grades 9 - 12th

Sundays, 6:30 PM

Sunday September 24

Life Night Series on the Eucharist

Begin at the End

**Both Groups will meet in the
Holy Family Center**

For more information contact:
Miss Kathryn Velotta, 623-5337

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.....**

**WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING THE
FOLLOWING:**

**Halloween Candy for Trunk or Treat
SMALL NEW household items for Bingo.
Pecans, Jams, Jellies, Preserves 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 DO 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