

St. Rita Catholic Church

October 8, 2023
Twenty-Seventh 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
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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 (451-4555)
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
Mr. Conrad Ducote, Director of Maintenance & Buildings (225-954-0936)

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.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS after the 11:00 Mass this Sunday in the Holy Family Center

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, October 7

4:00 -Mass for Ray Aldret, Andy Beaubouef, Rose Broadnax, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Billie Jeansonne, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Gerald Leglue, Richard Love, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Mary Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette, In honor of Danny & Teri Coombs on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Intention of Trey & Lori Decker & family
5:30 -Mass for the Ardoin family

Sunday, October 8

8:00 -Mass for Bernadine Forest
9:30 -Mass for Marvin Finney
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 Rayland Beurlot
6:30 -High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

Monday, October 9

8:00 -Mass for Victor Beaudoin
5:15 to 5:45 - Adoration
6:00 - Bible Study (HFC)

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 -Mass for Kenneth Dufour
10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Leta Juneau
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, October 11

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 (Church)

Thursday, October 12

8:00 -Mass for Howard Shores
5:30 -Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (HFC)
6:00 -High School Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Friday, October 13

8:00 -Mass for Leta Juneau, Gerald Leglue, Joan Mahfouz, Mary Margaret Matassa, Kayla spangler, Janet Thiels

Saturday, October 14

4:00 -Mass for Cheryl Arbour, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Billie Jeansonne, Leta Juneau, Hank Lichtman, Bob & Leah

Leonard, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Rose Ponthieux, Zachary Veillon

5:30 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

Sunday, October 15

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

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Irving and Sybil Huffman and deceased children. 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 for the Family and 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 Tyler 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: 142: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Chicken/Steak Fajitas, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Tortillas & Salsa, Dessert/Flan and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. **Cook Team and Servers this week** are the Spanish Community. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of October 1	\$ 15,615.00
Online & EFT Gifts October 1	\$ 5,022.00
Contributions for October 1	\$ 20,637.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund October	\$ 350.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT October	\$ 125.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Shirley Agliano, Irving Dautat, Ray Hebert, Coleman Moser, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Ryon Woodington

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Stacey Ardoin, Pierce Babineaux, Jean Brunson, Kathy Burns, Bobbi Chatelain, Linda Chesser, Caroline Pearson, Donnie Rivers, Pam Rivers, Tommy Vermaelen, Jackie Whitcher, Mary Winn

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, Mike Marchand, Zadie 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 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.



PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

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.

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been placed in the church foyer on the podium under the TV for you to enroll the names of your beloved deceased. (If you have enrolled their names in past years, there is no need to re-enroll!) These will be remembered at our **All Souls Day Masses** and throughout the month of November.

SENIOR CITIZENS HALLOWEEN PARTY & BINGO will be held on Thursday, October 26th in the Holy Family Center from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring your favorite **Pot Luck**, we will provide the meat and drinks. Please RSVP to 445-7141 ext 214.

NEED ALTAR SERVERS at all Masses. If you have a child in the 3rd grade and up, who would like to be a altar server, please call Mrs. Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST next Sunday, October 15 after the 8:00 & 9:30 AM Mass in the Holy Family Center. Prepared and served by KC Council #1134.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, October 12 at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.
--Mrs. Debbie Brown, President

KC COUNCIL #1134 GUN RAFFLE: 30 Day Gun Give A Way: \$30 per ticket, ticket good for the entire month. Rifles, Shotguns, Pistols, etc.... Winner determined by "Pick 3" drawing every day during the month of December, except Christmas Day. ***Tickets will be available after all Masses the weekend of October 21-22.*** For more information contact or to purchase a ticket call, Phil (613-2111), Al (201-0191) or Donnie (613-6187).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA: Celebrating one year of services, Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over 500 individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. The Sunday, Oct. 8, second collection is for Catholic Charities; thank you for blessing them with the means to bring the corporal works of mercy to our communities. To learn more visit www.cccenla.org You may use the Office of Life and Justice envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope marked Catholic Charities and drop in the collection basket. Please be generous to this collection.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RAFFLE: Prizes are: 1st prize; Handcrafted Farmhouse table with 2 benches; 2nd prize; Paragon Casino Overnight Package; 3rd prize; Gift Card Baskets. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20, drawing will be on Thursday, November 16. Tickets can be purchased at the church office.

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

grades 6th, 7th & 8th
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 11

Edge Lesson:

Why does the Eucharist matter?

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

grades 9 - 12th
Sundays, 6:30 PM

Sunday October 8

Life Night Series on the Eucharist

How we access the Eucharist?

**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....

Your SILENT AUCTION 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 AUCTION ITEMS AT THE PARISH OFFICE!**

**WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING
THE FOLLOWING:**

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

These small items can be dropped off at the office or left in the Sacristy after any Mass.

If you would like to participate in the TRUNK OR TREAT, please contact Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217

**Contact Debbie Brown, 445-7141 ext 214
for further information.**