

St. Rita Catholic Church

October 29, 2023
Thirtieth 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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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

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. Raj or Fr. Joshua

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays, 3:30 - 3:55, or 15 minutes
before any Mass or by appointment.

FALL FESTIVAL

this weekend check insert in bulletin for details

ALL SAINT'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Masses, Tuesday, October 31, 4:00 pm

Masses on Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:05 and 6:00 pm

ALL SOULS DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Masses at 8:00 am & 12:05 pm

CONTEMPORARY ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 - 8:15 PM

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the
ST. RITA MEN'S ACTS RETREAT - January 4 - 7, 2024**
Applications on round table in church foyer or on website

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 28

- 4:00 -Mass for Andy Beaubouef, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Mary Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette
- 5:30 -Mass for Frank B. Zangla

Sunday, October 29

- 8:00 -Mass for Rose Broadnax
- 9:30 -Mass for Billie Jeansonne
- 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
- 12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
- 5:30 -Mass for Mary Robichaux
- 6:30 -**NO** High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

Monday, October 30

- 8:00 -Mass for Missy Metrejean, Wally Metrejean

Tuesday, October 31

- 8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux
- 10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Stacey Ardoin
- 4:00 -Mass in memory of Tyler Brent Thiels and the intention of his family
- 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, November 1, All Saint's Day

- 7:00 -Mass for Sr. Marlene Labbe'
- 8:00 -Mass for Jimmy Snow
- 8:30 -Priests & Deacon will visit all Home Bound Shut-Ins
- 12:05 -Mass for Sam & Mary Difulco
- 4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
- 6:00 -Mass for Leta Juneau
- Mass Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th
- Mass 6th, 7th & 8th Youth Group
- Mass 11th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, November 2, All Soul's Day

- 8:00 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte
- 12:05 -Mass for Sam & Mary Difulco
- 6:00 -High School Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 7:00 -Contemporary Adoration & Benediction
- 6:30 -KC Council 1134 (HFC)

Friday, November 3

- 8:00 -Mass for JB Burrows, Patty Burrows, Pauline Crawford Mary Margaret Matassa, Gerald Leglue, Laura Longo

Saturday, November 4

- 4:00 -Mass for Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Leta Juneau, Richard Love, Billie Jeansonne, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Leta Juneau, Gerald Leglue, Richard Love, John Tyler Lyles, Bob Mahfouz, Mary Margaret Matassa, Rose Ponthieux, Mary Robichaux, Living & deceased members of the Paul Jerome & Lillie Mae Andries Thiels family, Intention of Trey & Lori Decker & family
- 5:30 -Mass for the the Ardoin family

Sunday, November 5

- 8:00 -Mass for Lucille, Houston, & Paul Dunn
- 9:30 -Mass for Marvin Finney
- 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
- 12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
- 5:30 -Mass for Cheryl Arbour
- 6:30 -High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Christopher Stewart by Clark & Abigail Stewart Gunter on their Wedding Day. If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214.

ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS: 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 James "Jimmy" Marien. 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.

ADORATION CHAPEL: The Blessed Sacrament is reserved for adoration by all the faithful in the St. Pius X Chapel located in the rear of the Church building. Hours are 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM. To obtain the combination for the chapel stop by the church office at 3822 Bayou Rapides Road, during office hours. *We remind you not to give the code to anyone, and please do not open the door for anyone.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131:1-3 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12 Catechism 2095-2109

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. **Cook Team and Servers this week are the Altar and Rosary Society members** For more information call 445-7141 ext 214. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of October 22	\$ 14,713.00
Online & EFT Gifts October 22	\$ 9,292.00
Contributions for October 22	\$ 24,005.00
BLDG/Maintenance Fund October	\$ 1,615.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT October	\$ 850.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Jean Brunson, James "Jimmy" Marien

OURSICK: Shirley Agliano, Chris Bordelon, Danny Cezar, Nona Dragon, Etta Ohrt, Larry Robin, Marguerite Robin, Georgiana Robinson, Renie Saucier, Mary Winn

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Kathy Burns, Bobbi Chatelain, Linda Chesser, Irving Douzart, Ray Hebert, Coleman Moser, Caroline Pearson, Donnie Rivers, Pam Rivers, Kathy Fryer Thomas, 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, Benny 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, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Audrey Jusselin, Gerald Lachney, Kathy Lacour, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Mike Marchand, Zadi Marcotte, Patty Marian, Helen Mathews, Mildred McCarthy, Nettie Medica, Gladys Morris, Clea 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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, October 31 at 12:00 noon in the Moreau Room.

ALL SAINTS DAY is Wednesday, November 1 and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

ALL SOULS DAY is Thursday, November 2. We will have a special 12:05 Noon Mass on that day to commemorate our beloved deceased. Please join us!

2024 NEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS for weekend readers are now available. Please stop in the sacristy before or after Mass and pick up your book.

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.

ST. RITA MEN'S ACTS RETREAT: Applications are now being accepted for the St. Rita ACTS Men's Retreat, to be held January 4 - 7, 2024 at Maryhill Renewal Center.

Application forms are available in the church foyer or on the website at www.strita.org. Limited space available, deadline for applications will be November 17, so we encourage you to submit your application form as soon as possible.

For more information about the retreat, please contact one of the following, Nic Ohrt 318-542-8006, Paul Coreil 225-281-6443 or Ken Wasmer 318-730-1026.

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. For more information contact or to purchase a ticket call, Phil (613-2111), Al (201-0191) or Donnie (613-6187).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in that week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You may use the POF envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope marked and drop in the collection basket. Please be generous to this collection.

THE BLUE MASS: The Blue Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 6 at 12:05 PM at **St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria**. All law enforcement officers, firefighters and medical emergency providers, are invited to attend as the special honored guests. The Mass is also open the public.

ALL SOULS DAY SERVICE at Alexandria Memorial Gardens on Thursday, November 2 at 4:00 PM. Held in the beautiful Garden of Resurrection Fr. LaPalme will be officiating. All are invited to attend.

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

grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Wednesdays 6-00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 1

Mass for All Saints

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

grades 9 - 12th

Sundays, 6:30 PM

Sunday October 29

Life Teen Lesson:

NO MEETING

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

For more information contact: