

St. Rita Catholic Church

November 5, 2023
Thirty First 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)
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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*
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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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!

Don't forget to "fall back" this Saturday night!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BAKE SALE & COOKBOOKS

this weekend after all Masses

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
Deadline to submit applications is Friday, November 17

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, 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)

Monday, November 6

8:00 -Mass for Wanda George

Tuesday, November 7

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

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Pauline Crawford
 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 8

8:00 -Mass for Alice Henry
 4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
 6:00 -Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th (Church Foyer)
 -6th, 7th & 8th Youth Group (HFC)
 -11th Grade Confirmation (Church)

Thursday, November 9

8:00 -Mass for Billie Jeansonne
 6:00 -High School Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Friday, November 10

8:00 -Mass for Andy Beaubouef, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Katie Nasello, Michael Gerald Robichaux, Sid Rud, David Voelker

Saturday, November 11

4:00 -Mass for Victor Beaudoin, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Kenneth Dufour, Leta Juneau, Bob & Leah Leonard, Hank Lichtman, Richard Love, Joan Mahfouz, James Marien, Mary Margaret Matassa, Gerald & Mary Robichaux, Sr., For the intention of Fr. Taylor Reynolds
 5:30 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte

Sunday, November 12

8:00 -Mass for the intention of Jerry & Gwen Deville
 9:30 -Mass for Gerald Leglue
 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for 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 Gerald Leglue by Connie Leglue. 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 Michael Marchand. 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: Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13 Catechism 914-933

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Broccoli Casserole, Roll, Dessert, and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. **Cook Team** this week are Katherine Beard, Theresa DeSelle, Helen Harrod, Flo Sanders, Elaine Pentecost, Harry & Mary Vermaelen, Carl & Cheryl Verzwuyvelt. **Servers** this week are Cindy Campbell, Joan Connella, Lena Connella, Fay Day, Chris Everett, Brianna Gardner, Paula Newton, Greta Roaix, Anna Sweat, Linda Vidrine. For more information call 445-7141 ext 214. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

| <i>Regular Collection</i> | |
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| Sunday Gifts the week of October 29 | \$ 20,402.00 |
| Online & EFT Gifts October 29 | \$ 3,232.00 |
| Contributions for October 29 | \$ 23,634.00 |
| BLDG/Maintenance Fund October | \$ 1,847.00 |
| BLDG/Main Online & EFT October | \$ 905.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Brenda Bordelon, Michael Marchand

OUR SICK: Chris Bordelon, Theresa Brocato, Danny Cezar, Nona Dorgan, Etta Ohrt, Marguerite Robin, Georgiana Robinson, Elda Schoolcraft, Mary Winn

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Shirley Agliano, Pierce Babineaux, Kathy Burns, Bobbi Chatelain, Linda Chesser, Irving Douzart, Ray Hebert, Coleman Moser, Caroline Pearson, Donnie Rivers, Pam Rivers, Larry Robin, Renie Saucier, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Jackie Whitther

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 Gonzaque, 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, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Belinda Guillory for receiving the Diocesan Distinguished Service Award for the Central Deanery at the Brunch for the Bishop luncheon on November 4. Thank you for your many years of volunteering.

SPECIAL THANKS to all the parishioners, who donated prizes and candy for the Fall Festival, helping us to keep our costs down. Thanks to the parishioners who participated in the Trunk or Treat, it was a huge success, the children loved it, and to all the volunteers the fair would not have been the success it was without your help!! Thank you for all you do for St. Rita Church!! We made a profit of \$10,073.35!!

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

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE MANNA HOUSE on Thanksgiving Day at the 8:00 AM Mass. There will be a collection of non-perishable foods and monetary gifts for the Manna House during the offertory. For monetary gifts you may use a clearly marked pew envelope and drop in the collection basket at any time during the month of November. Baskets for food donations will be placed in the foyer of the Church the weekend before Thanksgiving. *There will be an insert in the bulletin the week of November 18 - 19 with the Manna House food needs and guidelines.*

FAITH FORMATION THANKSGIVING MASS: On **Wednesday, November 15** we will have our annual **Faith Formation Thanksgiving Mass at 6:00 PM in Church for all Faith formation students in grades PK-5th and 6th, 7th, & 8th grade youth and Confirmation.** The children will assemble in the church foyer and process in. Again this year, we would appreciate the children bringing one or more non-perishable food items or a monetary donation for the Manna House. *All food and monetary donations will go the Manna House. I will be sending out a list of Manna House needs and guidelines the week before the Thanksgiving Mass.* We invite parents and friends to join us for the Mass. The children will be dismissed at 7:00 PM from the church.

—Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY GUMBO & BINGO on Thursday, November 9 at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

—Mrs. Debbie Brown, President

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT: More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

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.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday November 14 at 5:30 PM. Come see the wide offering of academics, athletics, spiritual life activities, and extra curricular available for your student at Holy Savior Menard. This event is open to prospective 7th - 12th grade students and parents for the the 2024-2025 school year. Contact tsumrall@holysaviormenard.com for more information.

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

grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Wednesdays 6-00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 8

How Can I Right from Wrong?

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

grades 9 - 12th

Sundays, 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 5

Life Teen Lesson:

The Wedding Feast of the Holy Lamb

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

For more information contact: