

# St. Rita Catholic Church

November 12, 2023  
Thirty-Second 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  
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Website: <http://www.StRita.org> Check our website for individual email addresses.  
Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.



**St. Rita**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
*the hands and heart of Christ*

Code QR for  
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St. Rita Website



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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.

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## GOD BLESS ALL OUR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS

### FAITH FORMATION THANKSGIVING MASS

*and Food Drive for the Manna House  
Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 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  
Deadline to submit applications is Friday, November 17*

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**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](http://www.strita.org).**  
**You can also view all our Live Streamed Masses anytime on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org).**

#### **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)

#### **Monday, November 13**

8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux

#### **Tuesday, November 14**

8:00 -Mass for Don & Davey Weitzel  
10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for 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, November 15**

8:00 -Mass for Josephine Dekeyzer  
4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)  
6:00 -Thanksgiving Mass Faith Formation Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup>  
-Thanksgiving Mass 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Group  
-Thanksgiving Mass 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

### **Thursday, November 16**

8:00 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte  
6:00 -High School Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

### **Friday, November 17**

8:00 -Mass for Victor Beaudoin, Leta Juneau, Mary Margaret Matassa, Kevin Thiels, Zachary Veillon, Jean Brunson

### **Saturday, November 18**

4:00 -Mass for Billie Jeansonne, Bob Mahfouz, Mary Margaret Matassa, Missy Metrejean, Wally Metrejean, Mary Robichaux, Frank Zangla

5:30 -Mass for Mary Difulco

### **Sunday, November 19**

8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider  
9:30 -Mass for Ronnie Hair  
11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish  
12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community  
5:30 -Mass for Kenneth Dufour  
6:30 -High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** were provided in memory of Michael Gerald Robichaux on his birthday by Deville, Emerson, Hinton and Marien families. 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 Michael Gerald Robichaux on his birthday by the Deville, Emerson, Hinton and Marien families. 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 Brenda Bordelon. 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:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 Catechism 946-959

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL** 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Turkey and Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, English Peas, Roll, Dessert, and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. **Cook Team** this week are Dianna Basco, Alan & Brenda Daenen, Rodney Feazell, Jerri Forbis, Gerald Labbe, Tammy Woodington, Wayne Yarbrough, Sharon Yarbrough. **Servers** this week are Mike & Barbara Barham, Dale Dasko, Martin & Ann Masden, Janice Upton, Benny Vandersypen, Phyllis Vilar, Michael Wynn. For more information call 445-7141 ext 214. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

### **OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of November 5</b>	<b>\$ 15,759 .00</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts November 5</b>	<b>\$ 4,112 .00</b>
<b>Holy Day Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,157.00</b>
<b>Contributions for November 5</b>	<b>\$ 24,028.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund November</b>	<b>\$ 500 .00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT November</b>	<b>\$ 105 .00</b>

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**OUR SICK:** Chris Bordelon, Danny Cezar, Nona Dorgan, Bob Morrisette, Etta Ohrt, Marguerite Robin, Georgiana Robinson, Elda Schoolcraft, Donnie Welch, Mary Winn

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Shirley Agliano, Pierce Babineaux, Theresa Brocato, 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 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, 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, Clea 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jackie E. Mathews, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dbrown@strita.org). Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

**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 a 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**CHRIST THE KING with EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION** on Saturday, November 25 after the 5:30 on the church grounds. A light meal will be served in the Holy Family Center after the procession. See back of bulletin for more details. Everyone is invited to join us.

**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](http://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. ***Tickets will be available after all Masses in the church foyer this weekend until we run out!*** 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.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who supported the Catholic Daughter Bake sale and Cookbook sale last weekend. Cookbooks are still available at the church office.  
—Mrs. Ona Wilson, Regent

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT BISHOP DESMOND** will meet on Thursday, November 16 at 5:00 pm in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

— Mrs. Ona Wilson, Regent

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

grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays 6-00-7:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 15**  
Thanksgiving Mass

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
grades 9 - 12<sup>th</sup>

Sundays, 6:30 PM  
**Sunday November 12**  
Life Teen Lesson:  
Adoration

**Both Groups will meet in the  
Holy Family Center**  
For more information contact: