

St. Rita Catholic Church

November 19, 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4401 Bayou Rapides Road
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Closed on Fridays
Alexandria, LA 71303

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St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS IN PEWS

Please take one per family as the parish's gift to you for Advent!

KC COUNCIL #1134 GUN RAFFLE SALES

tickets available after all Masses this weekend until we run out

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 23, 8:00 AM

*We will collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations
for the Manna House during the Offertory*

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 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)

Monday, November 20

8:00 -Mass for Leta Juneau

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 -Mass for Cheryl Arbour

10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Laura Longo
 6:00 -Men's ACTS Team Meeting (HFC)
 6:00 -**NO** OCIA (Moreau Room)
 6:00 -**NO** Spanish Religious Education (KC Room)
 6:30 -**NO** Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 -Mass for Mary Robichaux
 4:30 -**NO** Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
 6:00 -**NO** Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th
 -**NO** 6th, 7th & 8th Youth Group
 -**NO** 11th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, November 23

8:00 -Mass for Billie Jeansonne
 6:00 -**NO** High School Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

Friday, November 24

8:00 -Mass for Andy Beaubouef, Leta Juneau, Mary Margaret Matassa, Shawn Mathews, Sid Rud, David Voelker

Saturday, November 25

4:00 -Mass for Victor Beaudoin, Jean Brunson, Billie Jeansonne, Leta Juneau, John Tyler Lyles, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, James Marien, Mary Margaret Matassa, Gerald & Mary Robichaux, Sr.
 5:30 -Mass for Billie Jeansonne
 6:30 -Eucharistic Precession after Mass (Parking Lot)
 7:00 -Pot Luck after Precession (HFC)

Sunday, November 26

8:00 -Mass for Sr. Marlene Labbe'
 9:30 -Mass for Jim Hollier
 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
 5:30 -Mass for Henry Ardoin
 6:30 -High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Earline Wilson by Leonard & Ona Wilson. 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 Marvin Finney by Frances Finney & family; and 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 Anita Louise 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: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20 26, 28 Mt 25:31-46 Catechism 668-679

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts the week of November 12	\$ 15,338 .00
Online & EFT Gifts November 12	\$ 8,234.99
Contributions for November 12	\$ 23,572.99
BLDG/Maintenance Fund November	\$ 545.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT November	\$ 540.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Anita Louise Bordelon, Charles Vandersypen

OUR SICK: Chris Bordelon, Danny Cezar, Nona Dorgan, Raven Lindsay, 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 Gonzaque, 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, Cleta Perry, June Peterson, Bettie Piazza, Lee Procel, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman, James Schoolcraft, Bobby Thevenot, 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 ½ day Tuesday, November 21st and Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 21 thru November 24.

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.

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.*

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES: We, as a parish family, we will adopt several families and seniors again this year. If you would like to make a donation for the families, you may do so with a pew envelope. Mark it Christmas Families and drop it in the collection basket.
– Mrs. Courtney Brinkman

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

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY on Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM in the St. Rita Prayer Garden. We will be praying for the deceased of the parish. Everyone is invited to join us, especially the Faith Formation Parents.

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. 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).

ALTAR WINE will be available at the Altar & Rosary Sale the weekend of December 2 & 3. If you would like to purchase a case of wine in advance, we have some at the office. Cases of wine are available for a \$144 donation or \$12 a bottle. Office hours are 7:00 am - 2:45 pm, Monday - Thursday.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND: Remember your loved ones by donating to the Christmas flower fund. A list of the donors and the names of those being remembered will be published in the January 15 bulletin. Donations for the decorating fund is **\$15**. Make checks payable to the St. Rita Altar and Rosary Society, and please include the name(s) of those to be remembered. *Please print the names on the envelope, so we can read the spelling of the names.* Money collected in the flower envelopes at Christmas and Easter is used to decorate the church at Christmas and Easter and also for flowers on the altar throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

