

# St. Rita Catholic Church

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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

Religious Education: 445-7141 ext 217

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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**

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**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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## CHRIST THE KING

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PROCESSION

*Saturday, November 25 after the 5:30 PM Mass*

*Pot Luck meal after procession in HFC*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

*Monday, November 27, 6:00 pm*

### CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

*Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in the Prayer Garden*

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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 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 Procession (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 -**NO** High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

**Monday, November 27**

8:00 -Mass for Cheryl Arbour

6:00 -Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (Church)

**Tuesday, November 28**

8:00 -Mass for Andrew Riaud  
 10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Stacey Ardoin  
 6:00 -Men's ACTS Team Meeting (HFC)  
 6:00 -OCIA (Moreau Room)  
 5:00 -Spanish Religious Education (KC Room)  
 6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:00 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte  
 4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)  
 6:00 -Candlelight Rosary (Prayer Garden)  
 6:00 -Faith Formation Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> (Church Foyer)  
       - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Group (HFC)  
       -11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Church)

**Thursday, November 30**

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue  
 6:00 -High School Youth Bible Study (Youth Room)

**Friday, December 1**

8:00 -Mass for Alma Holland, Leta Juneau, Mary Margaret Matassa, Frank B. Zangla, Intention of Rev. Taylor Reynolds

**Saturday, December 2**

4:00 -Mass for Victor Beaudoin, Jean Brunson, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Leta Juneau, John Tyler Lyles, Bob Mahfouz, James Marien, Mary Margaret Matassa, Missy Metrejean, Wally Metrejean, Rose Ponthieux, Intention of Trey & Lori Decker & family  
 5:30 -Mass for the Ardoin Family

**Sunday, December 3**

8:00 -Mass for Houston, Lucille, and 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 Andy Beaubouef, Shawn Mathews  
 6:30 -High School Youth Group Meeting (HFC)

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214.

**ALTARSANCTUARYLAMPS:** 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 Charles Vandersypen. 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:** 2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37 Catechism 1731-1738

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL** 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. **Cook Team and Servers** this week are the Catholic Daughters. For more information call 445-7141 ext 214. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday Gifts the week of November 19</b>	<b>\$ 20,995.09</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts November 19</b>	<b>\$ 9,697.00</b>
<b>Contributions for November 19</b>	<b>\$ 30,692.09</b>
<b>BLDG/Maintenance Fund November</b>	<b>\$ 770.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT November</b>	<b>\$ 880.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**OURSICK:** Shirley Agliano, Nona Dorgan, Bob Morrisette, Marguerite Robin, Georgiana Robinson, Donnie Welch

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Pierce Babineaux, Chris Bordelon, Theresa Brocato, Danny Cezar, Bobbi Chatelain, Etta Ohrt, Caroline Pearson, Donnie Rivers, Pam Rivers, Larry Robin, Renie Saucier, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Jackie Whitchee, 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 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 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.

**WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish**, new parishioners, Paul and Rachel Ellington II and Robert and Beth Hughes and their families. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

**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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation! Vigil Masses will be on Thursday, December 7 at 4:00. Masses on Friday, December 8 will be at 7:15 & 8:00 AM; 12:05 noon & 5:30 PM.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** for the Parish will be on Monday, December 11, 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. Everyone is invited to join us!!! Please RSVP to 445-7141 ext 214 by December 8, so that we can plan accordingly.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILIES:** 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. *The Faith Formation Parents are encouraged to join after dropping your students off for class.*

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION** for infants through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, **Monday, December 4, 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the Holy Family Center. Enjoy activities, music and snacks! **St. Nick** himself will make an appearance, and a photo with him will be available! Please call 445-7141, ext. 214 for more information.

**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. 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.

**ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE & BAKE SALE** after all Masses next weekend in the church foyer. **Raffle Prizes** are 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Crystal Rosary, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – 24" Wall Crucifix; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Porcelain Nativity. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Drawing is Sunday December 3 at 12:00 noon. Raffle tickets can also be purchased at the church office. Wine will be available for a \$12 donation. 2024 Calendars will be available for \$2.00.

**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!

**BUTTERFLY TREE MEMORIAL SERVICE** in the Butterfly Garden at the Alexandria Zoo on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. This beautiful service honors and recognizes our children and grandchildren who have passed away. Please make or bring a butterfly ornament for the tree as you will have the opportunity to recognize your loved one and hang the ornament on the tree. Ornaments need to be waterproof, the tree is up until the first week of January. Admission is free, just let them know at the gate that you are there for the Butterfly service. The community is encouraged to join us.