

St. Rita Catholic Church

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Church Office: 445-7120; FAX: 448-0704
Religious Education: 445-7141 ext 217
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St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ

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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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH
ESPECIALLY THOSE REMEMBERED AT THE MEMORIAL MASS
Saturday, January 27 at 4:00 PM, Mass will be Live Streamed

JESUS & THE EUCHARISTIC STUDY SERIES – EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
begins Monday, February 5, see bulletin insert to sign up today.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
for youth grades 3 & above, Wednesday, January 31 at 6:00 in church.
This training is for new servers & those presently serving.

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, January 27
4:00 -Mass for Frank Crooks, John Tyler Lyles, William Smith, Jr.

Sunday, January 28
8:00 -Mass for Marvin Finney
9:30 -Mass for John Marzullo
11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
5:30 -Mass for Mildred McCarthy
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)
Monday, January 29
8:00 -Mass for Pauline Crawford
6:00 -Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
Tuesday, January 30
8:00 -Mass for Laura Longo
10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Ronnie Crawford

6:00 -OCIA (Moreau Room)
 5:00 -Spanish Faith Formation (KC Room)
 6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 -Mass for Zachary Veillon
 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, February 1

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue
 6:30 -KC Council 1134 meeting (HFC)

Friday, February 2

8:00 -Mass for Louise Bordelon, Janet Thiels

Saturday, February 3

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Ebron Dunn, Freddie Lavesphere, Albert Mathews, Shawn Mathews, Natalie Mendel, Michael Robichaux, Janet Thiels, Kevin Thiels, Tyler Thiels, Raymond Villmarette, Macarea Williams

Sunday, February 4

8:00 -Mass for Ebron Dunn
 9:30 -Mass for the Ardoin Family
 11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for Spanish Community
 5:30 -Mass for Frank Crooks
 6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of deceased members of the parish. If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of special occasion, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214. **Flowers are \$100 for both arrangements.**

ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS were provided in loving memory of Marvin Finney by Frances Finney & family. 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 all deceased of our parish. 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
 Ps147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39
 Catechism1499-1523

UPDATE ON ADORATION CHAPEL:

Due to delay in receiving materials to finish this project, the contractor expects it to take 4 more weeks to complete. We anticipate the last week of February. Thank you for your patience during this construction. We will email you as soon as it reopens.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert and Tea. \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team is the Catholic Daughters and servers this week are also the Catholic Daughters. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of January 21	\$ 12,764.00
Online & EFT Gifts January 21	\$ 11,732.00
Contributions January 21	\$ 24,496.00
BLDG/Main Fund January	\$ 2,355.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT January	\$ 740.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Tammy Lynn Adams Lavespere

OUR SICK: Shirley Agliano, Shirley Brouillette, Pat Curcio, Brenda Evans, Angela Garon, Belinda Guillory, John Kurfis, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Georgiana Robinson, Darrell Wilmore

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Theresa Brocato, Phillip Brouillette, Dorothy Brown, Bobbi Chatelain, Faye Day, Irving Douzart, Carolyn Heard, Bettie Jeansonne, Caroline Pearson, Donnie Rivers, Karen Schrock, Gail Sylvia, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Jackie Whitcher, Mary Winn, Tonya Wood

OUR SHUT- INS: Shirley Agliano, Joan Andries, Doris Billeaudeau, Sadie Blakesley, Lela Bordelon, Joseph "Napp" Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Vergie Clay, Aline Cicardo, Elise Coco, Donald Coco, Doris Constance, Bennye David, Deborah Davidson, Luanne Davis, Pat Despino, Odean Deville, Juanita Dodd, Elizabeth Drake, Melba Ducote, Nathan Ducote, Cecilia Dunn, James Dupont, Grace Ellis, Brenda Evans, Micki Faraldo, Mary Fontenot, Patsy Franks, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Gracie Glorioso, Irma Gonzague, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Audrey Jusselin, Gerald Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Norris LaFleur, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Josephine Marcotte, Zadie Marcotte, Helen Mathews, Sam Medica, Gladys Morris, Cleta Perry, Billie Phillips, Lee Procel, Anita Ray, Nanette Redman, Larry Robin, Sr., Marguerite Robin, James Schoolcraft, Jean Serio, David Stafford, Adrienne Stevens, Susan Turner, Virginia Verzwuyvelt, Anna Villemarette, Willie Voorhies, Betty Wilmore, Marilyn Ruth Wilson, Patricia 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, PFC Roberto Lopez, 1st Lt. Jackie E. Mathews, PO2 Nicholas Peralta, CWT1 Christian Perkins, Sgt. Cole Pleche, PFC Brandon Rashall, 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.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION:

Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin American and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in the collection basket.

FINANCE COUNCIL meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at 12:00 noon in the Moreau Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the nursing home ministry at Lexington House Nursing Home on Tuesdays at 10:00 for the Mass. If you can help with this ministry, please call Jeannine Babineaux at 337-302-3464.

IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER IS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL please let us know! *Due to the Privacy Act now in place at all the hospitals, we are no longer able to get a list of patients from the hospitals.* During office hours you may call 445-7120. If you are admitted to the hospital after office hours or on the weekend, please call 445-7141 ext 4.

If you have a surgery scheduled in advance, you may see one of the priests in the Sacristy or confessional before Mass, or call us at anytime. Please remember in emergencies to call us at 445-7141 ext 4. This will insure that a priest or one of our hospital visitors from St. Rita will be able to see you. We will also know to pray for you in a special way!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: (New and Current) Altar Server Training will be on January 31st starting at 6:00 PM. Altar Servers enhance the quality of liturgical celebrations by serving the priest and Deacon at Mass and other liturgies. This is a great way for young people to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. Boys and girls in 3rd grade and older (must have received First Communion) are invited to join the Altar Serving Ministry. ALL servers (new, current and those that would like to see what it is all about) are required to attend this training.

If your child attends CCD, they will attend the training in place of class. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Courtney Brinkman at cbrinkman@strita.org or 445-7141 x 217.

MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated this Saturday, January 27 at 4:00 PM Mass for all members of St. Rita Church who have died July 1 - December 31, 2023. Those to be remembered are Cheryl Spencer Arbour, Nancy Marchand Benjamin, Louise Bordelon, Kenneth John Brocato, Sr., Jean Lanier Brunson, Ernest Ebron Dunn, Jennifer Lynn Dunn, Joy Lizzie Floyd, Carlynn Carlyon Gardner, Lydia Hardy, Eric Gerard Hess, Leta Roberts Juneau, Joanne Mahfouz, Robert Mahfouz, Michael Larry Marchand, James Percy Marien, Edgar Charles Medlin, Constance Marie Nasello, Rose Mari Ponthieux, Donna Glorioso Robinson, Janet Theresa Thiels, Tyler Thiels, Charles Fabian Vandersypen Sr. Ann Verzwylt, John Sharp Williams, Jr. Reception to follow in the Holy Family Center.

DISPLAY FOR MEMORIAL MASS: If you lost a loved one from July 1 - December 31, 2023, we will have a table set up in the church foyer for you to display 1 (ONE) framed picture of your loved one. Please put your contact information on the picture, so that we can return to you. The table will be set up in the foyer the weekend of January 20.

ST. RITA ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY:

January is the month for all members to renew their dues. Dues are \$10.00 annually. You may mail your dues to St. Rita Altar Society, 4401 Bayou Rapides Rd., Alexandria, LA 71303 or drop in collection basket marked St. Rita Altar and Rosary dues.

New officers were elected at the meeting on January 11, Gina Lachney, President; Lisa Collins, Vice President; Pat Spangler, Treasurer; and Janet Hirsch, Secretary. We want to thank Debbie Brown, president and Cindy Castille, vice president for their many years of serving the Altar Society.

— Gina Lachney, President

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

grades 6th, 7th & 8th, Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 31
Game Night

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
grades 9 - 12th, Sundays, 6:30 PM

Sunday, January, 28
Game Night

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

For more information contact:
Miss Kathryn Velotta, 623-5337