

St. Rita Catholic Church

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent 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
St. Vincent de Paul: 473-0887
Sacristy: 448-9599
EMERGENCIES: 445-7141 ext 4
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

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, February 26 at 6:00 PM

KC COUNCIL #1134 SHRIMP DINNERS, FRIDAY, March 1

4:30 - 6:30 PM in Holy Family Center, Dine In & Drive Thru

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, February 24

4:00 -Mass for Frank Crooks, Ebron Dunn, Don Feduccia, John Tyler Lyles, Martin Masden, Ed Medlin, Melvin & Delores Perkins, Raymond Villmarette, Macarea Williams

Sunday, February 25

8:00 -Mass for Mary Lee Lazarone
9:30 -Mass for Jody Snow
11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish
12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
5:30 -Mass for Michael Robichaux
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

Monday, February 26

8:00 -Mass for Elise Coco
6:00 -Adoration & Benediction
6:00 -**NO** Jesus & the Eucharistic Study Series (HFC)

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 -Mass for Ruby Bohrer
10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Patty Burrows
6:00 -OCIA (Moreau Room)
5:00 -Spanish Faith Formation (KC Room)
6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 -Mass for Martin Masden
4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
6:00 -Faith Formation PreK-5, 6th, 7th, & 8th, Confirmation

Thursday, February 29

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue

Friday, March 1

8:00 -Mass for Louise Bordelon, Missy Metrejean
2:00 -Way of the Cross (Church)
4:30 -KC Shrimp Dinners (HFC)
5:30 -Way of the Cross (Church)
7:00 -Spanish Way of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 2

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Anthony Connella, Freddie Lavespere, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Josephine Marcotte, Jimmy Marien, Natalie Mendel, Marion Polk, Michael Robichaux, Sadie Shores, William Smith, Jr., The Ardoin Family

Sunday, March 3

8:00 -Mass for Ebron Dunn
9:30 -Mass for the Raymond Rachall
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 are not allowed during the season of Lent. If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar after Easter, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214. **Flowers are \$100 for both arrangements.**

ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS were provided in loving memory of Gerald Leglue by his 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 Tammy Lavespere. 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: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 Catechism 583-586 or 797-798

ADORATION CHAPEL has reopened!!

The code for the chapel has been changed, the new code was emailed to everyone who has signed up. If you do not know the new code, or did not receive an email, you will need to come to the office to sign for the code.

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.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team this week is Altar & Rosary Ladies; Debbie Brown, Theresa Deselle, Rae Hair, Gina Lachney, Alan & Brenda Daenen, Bruce Hirsch, Janet Hirsch, Nelda Lavespere. The servers are Maxine Beard, Lisa Collins, Elaine Haworth & Ann LaHood.

KC SHRIMP DINNERS: KC Council #1134 is sponsoring shrimp dinners on Friday, March 1, 4:30 - 6:00 in the Holy Family Center. Menu: Fried Fish, French Fries, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw. Cost \$10.00 per plate, take outs available.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of February 18	\$ 17,810.50
Online & EFT Gifts February 18	\$ 9,337.00
Contributions February 18	\$ 27,147.50
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,067.00
Ash Wednesday Collection Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 3,652.00
BLDG/Main Fund February	\$ 2,525.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT February	\$ 830.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the Bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that 'there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources, their selves, at God's service in and through the Church.' Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contribution and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

OURSICK: Shirley Agliano, Shirley Brouillette, Brenda Evans, Bettie Jeansonne, Jesse Johnson, John Kurfis, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Georgiana Robinson, Leonard Wilson

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Theresa Brocato, Phillip Brouillette, Bobbi Chatelain, Angela Garon, Belinda Guillory, Caroline Pearson, Donnie Rivers, Karen Schrock, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Joan Vanderlick, Jackie Whitcher, Darrell Wilmore, Mary Winn, Tonya Wood

OUR SHUT- INS: Shirley Agliano, Joan Andries, Katherine Beard, Doris Lachney Billeaudeau, Sadie Blakesley, Lela Bordelon, Joseph "Napp" Brouillette, Shirley Brouillette, Vergie Clay, Aline Cicardo, 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, Brenda Evans, Micki Faraldo, Mary Fontenot, Patsy Franks, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Gracie Glorioso, Irma Gonzaque, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Audrey Jusselin, Gerald Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Norris LaFleur, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Zadie Marcotte, Helen Mathews, Sam Medica, Gladys Morris, Clea 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.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioner, Jacqueline Gepulle. Please join us in welcoming her to our parish family.

BREAKFAST CLUB on Tuesday and Thursday mornings after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Holy Family Center. There will be coffee, biscuits and sausage provided. Love offerings will offset expenses. Everyone is invited to join us.

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST: Links for the weekly study sessions can be found on our website, www.strita.org Just click the Jesus & the Eucharist button to access the links.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION on Monday, February 26, 6:00 PM. All are invited to join us.

LENTEN COLLECTION: As is our tradition, we will take a collection at the 8:00 AM weekday Masses throughout Lent. The monies collected will be divided with Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana and St. Francis de Sales Parish in Edingeni, Malawi.

If you do not attend weekday Masses and would like to make a donation, you may do so using a pew envelope and mark it Lent Collections.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS: This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. It supports parish life and catechesis, evangelization, Catholic education, and vocations in Black and Indian Missions across the United States. Please give generously.

ST. RITA 4TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC on Monday, April 8 at Oakwing Golf Course. All proceeds benefit our youth program. Brochures can be found on our website and on the round table in the church foyer. See back of bulletin for more details.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN THE STORE! Just a few hours a month would be a great help! The store is open Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For more information or to volunteer, call Mrs. Julie Rini at 473-0887.

LENT 2024

MORNING PRAYER before 8:00 AM Mass

Monday - Friday, 7:45 AM

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 2:00 PM, 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM Spanish

JESUS & THE EUCHARIST STUDY SERIES

Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 PM

LENTEN "STATIONS of the SEVEN CHURCHES", Saturday, March 2

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Saturday, March 16 after 4:00 Mass

Sunday, March 17, Blessing & Meal
after 11:00 Mass

FAITH FORMATION PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 PM

KC Council #1134 FISH FRY

Fridays, March 8, 22

KC COUNCIL SHRIMP DINNERS

Fridays, March 1, 15

\$10.00 a plate, Drive Thru - Dine In

4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center



EASTER FLOWER FUND:

Remember your loved ones by donating to the Easter flower fund. A list of the donors and names of those to be remembered will be published the Sunday after Easter. Easter flowers are **\$15**; make checks payable to St. Rita

Altar and Rosary Society. You may use the in your monthly packet or an Easter Flower envelope located in the hymnal racks and drop it in the collection basket.

ATTENTION ALL

Public & Private School Students

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

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

Wednesday, February 28

Game Night

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

grades 9 - 12th, Sundays, 6:30 PM

Sunday, February 25

Game Night

Both Groups will meet in the Holy Family Center

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

