

# St. Rita Catholic Church

March 3, 2024  
Third 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

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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



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.

## CONTEMPORARY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Praise & Worship, Sunday, March 3, 7:00 - 8:00 PM*

## KC COUNCIL #1134 FISH FRY, FRIDAY, March 8

*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](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, 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)

7:00 -Contemporary Eucharistic Adoration

### Monday, March 4

8:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark  
6:00 -Jesus & the Eucharistic Study Series (HFC)

### Tuesday, March 5

8:00 -Mass for Martin Masden  
10:00 -Mass at Lexington House for Laura Longo  
6:00 -OCIA (Moreau Room)  
5:00 -Spanish Faith Formation (KC Room)  
6:30 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Wednesday, March 6

8:00 -Mass for Anthony Connella  
4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)  
6:00 -Faith Formation PreK-5, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation

### Thursday, March 7

8:00 -Mass for John Crawford  
6:30 -KC Meeting (HFC)

### Friday, March 8

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue, Sid Rud, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker  
2:00 -Way of the Cross (Church)  
4:30 -KC Fish Fry (HFC)  
5:30 -Way of the Cross (Church)

7:00 -Spanish Way of the Cross (Church)

### **Saturday, March 9**

4:00 -Mass for James Curley, Sr., Mary Difulco, Toni Lynn Hogue, Weston C. Johnson, Jr., John Tyler Lyles, Albert Mathews, Shawn Mathews, Gerald & Mary Lee Robichaux, Michael Gerald Robichaux, Janet Thiels, Kevin Thiels, Tyler Thiels

### **Sunday, March 10**

8:00 -Mass for Howard & Sadie Shores

9:30 -Mass for Louise Bordelon

11:00 -Mass for the people of St. Rita Parish

12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Michael L. Marchand

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 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 Martin Masden. 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:** Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21 Catechism 595-598 or 599-605

### **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: Pork Loin, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team this week is Cook Team; Brenda Daenen, Alan Daenen, Theresa Deselle, Helen Harrod,

Heather Reynaud, Flo Sanders, Harry Vermaelen, Mary Vermaelen, Carl Verzwylvelt and Cheryl Verzwylvelt. The Servers are Cindy Campbell, Lena Connella, Joan Connella, Chris Everett, Brianna Gardner, Paula Newton, Earline Pentecost, Greta Roaix, Anna Sweat and Linda Vidrine.

**KC FISH FRY:** KC Council #1134 is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 8, 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>	
<b>Sunday Gifts week of February 25</b>	<b>\$ 14,561.00</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts February 25</b>	<b>\$ 4,277.00</b>
<b>Contributions February 25</b>	<b>\$ 18,838.00</b>
<b>Weekday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,702.70</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Fund February</b>	<b>\$ 2,905.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT February</b>	<b>\$ 905.00</b>

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

### **2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God himself "did not spare his own son". Jesus death was God's greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life! Are my gifts to the Lord-or my resources, of my time, of myself-also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:** Fay Day

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

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Pierce Babineaux, Theresa Brocato, Phillip Brouillette, Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Donnie Rivers, Karen Schrock, Erica Stewart, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Joan Vanderlick, Jackie Whitchee, Darrell Wilmore, 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, Benny 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 Gonzague, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Barbara Johns, Audrey Jusselin, Gerald Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Norris LaFleur, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Zadi 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 Verzwylvelt, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dbrown@strita.org). Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

**WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish,** new parishioners, Thomas and Catherine Lafosse and their family. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

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

**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.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in the collection basket.

**ST. RITA 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**STEUBENVILLE SOUTH YOUTH CONFERENCE,** June 21 - 23 at the Riverfront Center in Alexandria. **REGISTER NOW** at [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org). Fee is \$170 per student, St. Rita will pay \$100 towards the fee for St. Rita Parishioners. Registration and deposit is \$50 and is due by March 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact, Kathryn Velotta at 623-5337

## **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**

### **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 15**

**\$10.00 a plate, Drive Thru - Dine In**

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

**\$10.00 per plate, Drive Thru & Dine In**



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

**Wednesday, March 6**

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

**grades 9 - 12<sup>th</sup>, Sundays, 6:30 PM**

**Sunday, March 3**

**LifeTeen Curriculum**

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

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