

# St. Rita Catholic Church

May 4, 2025  
Third Sunday of Easter

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.

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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)

**Ms. Kathryn Velotta, Director of Youth Ministries**

**Mr. Conrad Ducote, Director of Maintenance & Buildings**

**Dr. Thomas Robichaux, Director of Music**

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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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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNICANTS

*Saturday, May 3 at 5:30 PM Mass*

*Reception after the Mass in the Holy Family Center*

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS!!

*Sunday, May 11 at 5:30 PM Mass*

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BAKE SALE

*this weekend after all Masses*

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**LIVE STREAMED Masses every week at 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, May 3**

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Brenda Welch Gremillion,  
Christopher Hinton, William Hinton, Sr., and Violet  
Hinton, William Hinton, Jr., Freddie Lavespere, Michael

Marchand, Natalie Mendel, Warren Moreau, Gerald &  
Mary Lee Robichaux, Michael Robichaux, Kathleen Rush

5:30 -Mass for Helen Mathews

**Sunday, May 4**

8:00 -Mass for Peter Scalfano

9:30 -Mass for Wally Metrejean

11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish

12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased members of the  
parish

5:30 -Mass for Ronnie Crawford

6:00 -Eucharist Adoration & Benediction (Church)

**Monday, May 5**

8:00 -Mass for Peter Scalfano

**Tuesday, May 6**

8:00 -Mass for Stacey Ardoin  
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)  
 5:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Wednesday, May 7**

8:00 -Mass for Jimmy Snow  
 4:30 -Last Faith Formation PreK-5 (HFC)  
 -Last 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group (HFC)

**Thursday, May 8**

8:00 -Mass for thanksgiving of the Knights of Columbus Council 1134  
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)  
 10:00 -Mass for Laura Longo (Lexington House)

**Friday, May 9**

8:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Sid Rud, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker

**Saturday, May 10**

4:00 -Mass for Theresa Brocato, Shirley Brouillette, James Curley Sr., Bridget Legendre Darlington, Melba Ducote Dutton, Jim Hollier, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Wally Metrejean, Norm Olson, Raymond Rachall, Mary Lee Robichaux, Lillian Kramer Villemetz, Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day**

8:00 -Mass for all living and deceased Mothers  
 9:30 -Mass for all living and deceased Mothers  
 11:00 -Mass for living & deceased members of the parish  
 -Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)  
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living and deceased Mothers  
 5:30 -Mass for all living and deceased Mothers

**ALTAR FLOWERS** were provided in loving memory of all living and deceased members of the Wooley Family by Anita Wooley. 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** this week is in memory of Earleen Baillio by Bobby Baillio; and Irving Douzart by Laura Robichaux. 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 Pope Francis. 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:** Acts 13:14, 43-52  
 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30 Catechism 410-412

**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 4401 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.**

**OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday Gifts week of April 27</b>	<b>\$ 14,238.00</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts April 27</b>	<b>\$ 2,890.00</b>
<b>Contributions April 27</b>	<b>\$ 17,128.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Fund April</b>	<b>\$ 752.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT April</b>	<b>\$ 595.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

*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 — of 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 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.*

**OUR SICK:** Brent Bordelon, Sr., Earnest Bryant, Odell Carlino, Margaret Distefano, Soosai Mary & Thirumurthi, Cynthia Parker, Patsy Thibodeaux, Patsy Wilmore

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Barry Ackel, Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Norvelle Belaire, Phillip Brouillette, Tim Castille, Eleanor Crichton, Leslie Fryer, Aimee Lachney Gray, Shirley Hebert, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Janice Lachney, Paul Medica, Jr., Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, JoAnn Rachall, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Walter G. Vanderlick, Margarite Velotta, Patsy Wilmore

**OUR SHUT- INS:** Joan Andries, Leon Bergeron, Doris Lachney Billeaudeau, Sadie Blakesley, Lou Blalock, Mike Blalock, Sharon Bringol, Brent Bordelon, Sr., Joseph "Napp" Brouillette, John Broussard, Frances Chatman, Donald Coco, Renee Crooks, Julia Cunningham, Bennye David, Deborah Davidson, Carolyn Dekeyzer, Joyce DeKeyzer, Pat Despino, Juanita Dodd, Elizabeth Drake, Reginald Dubroc, Nathan Ducote, James Dupont, Maurice Evans, Mary Fontenot, Barbara Fruge, Betty Gauthier, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzague, Christy Goutee, Helen Harrod, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Audrey Jusselin, Donald Lachney, Gerald Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Norris LaFleur, Georgine Lauve, Lewis Lauve, Marvin Lee, Joseph Longo, Zadia Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Cleta Perry, Billie Phillips, Lee Procel, Willis Rabalais, Nanette Redman, Patsy Robinson, James Schoolcraft, Adrienne Stevens, Susan Turner, Joan Vanderlick, Anna Villemarette, Willie Voorhies, Angela Williamson, Betty Wilmore, Ruth Wilson, Anita Wooley, Barbara Wynn

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:** CW02 Brad Canrak, Major Brian J. Clayton, CW3 Ron Cole, Staff SFC Robert Crawford, Lance Cpl. Amy Fogleman, Lt. Col. Mike Frazier, LCLP Roberto Lopez, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jackie E. Mathews, PO2 Nicholas Peralta, CWT1 Christian Perkins, E2 Connor Phillips, 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.

**INFIRM PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION:** Your donation to the **Infirm Priests Fund** will help to replenish the fund, which provides assistance for our sick priests when illness exceeds the extent of our group health coverage limits. This is a wonderful expression of gratitude to the priests who have served you so well over the years. And please also remember them in your prayers, recalling their generosity to you.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION:**

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)

**LAST FAITH FORMATION CLASSES – Crowning of the Blessed Mother** for grades Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> this Wednesday, May 7. All students are asked to bring flowers to crown the Blessed Mother. After the crowning we will have our end of the year party. Thank you to all the volunteer teachers and aides who volunteered this past year. We appreciate all that you do!

–Courtney Brinkman

**IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER IS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL** please let us know! 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 ensure 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!

**WELCOME TO** Dr. Thomas Robichaux, our new Music Director. Beginning Sunday, May 11, Thomas will be playing at the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Masses, as well as planning the liturgy for all Masses and working with the Adult and Youth choirs. Thomas is a St. Rita School Alumni and began his music ministry as a young child training on the organ under Melva Villard. Please join us in welcoming Thomas and his family home!

–Fr. Raj

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**ROOTED, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session on Saturday, May 31, 11:30 - 3:30 in the Holy Family Center.** This session will cover 2 topics, *Ask a Priest* and *A Walk Through the Mass*. *Ask A Priest* will have be a panel of priests and religious, who will answer questions relating to our Catholic faith, church and devout life. And *A Walk Through the Mass* will be an in depth look at where each part of the Mass comes from. It will also include a tour of the church and why things are laid out and decorated the way it is. Watch the bulletin for registration and more information.

– Deacon Kenny Sayes

**GRADUATING SENIORS MASS** on Sunday, May 11 at 5:30 PM Mass. Please wear your cap and gown! Please email a picture of your senior to [cbrinkman@strita.org](mailto:cbrinkman@strita.org).

**FAITH FORMATION - CCD Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year!** Registration is NOW OPEN! You can register on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org) for grades PK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Classes will start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

**FAITH FORMATION - 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH 2025-2026 School Year:** Registration is NOW OPEN!! You can register on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org). Classes start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

**ATTENTION ALL 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS CONFIRMATION 2026 registration is NOW OPEN!**

Our confirmation program is a ONE year program for students that are entering their JUNIOR year. Classes will begin on September 3, 2025. Classes include BOTH Menard and public school students. You can register on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org).

**2025 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** If you are celebrating a 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 or 70th wedding anniversary in 2025, we would like to honor you on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at the 11:00 Mass and present you with a Papal Blessing in honor of your marriage from the Holy Father. If you would like to participate, please call the Church Office at 445-7141 ext 214. We have to order the blessing early. Deadline for calling is July 1, 2025.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT BISHOP DESMOND** will have a bake sale this weekend after all Masses. They will be selling baked goods and their cookbook. Please support their fund raiser.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. This will be our last meeting for the summer, we will meet again on Thursday, September 11. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us!

–Gina Lachney, President