

St. Rita Catholic Church

May 11, 2025
Fourth 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

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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

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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS!!

Sunday, May 11 at 5:30 PM Mass

**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.

**You can also view all our Live Streamed Masses
anytime on our website, www.strita.org.**

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 Villemez, 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

Monday, May 12

8:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark

Tuesday, May 13

8:00 -Mass for Henry Ardoin

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, May 14

8:00 -Mass for the Intention of Kitty Michiels

Thursday, May 15

8:00 -Mass for Howard & Sadie Jean Shores

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

10:00 -Mass for Mickey Faraldo (Lexington House)

5:00 -Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond (HFC)

Friday, May 16

8:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Frank & Angelina Cortello,
Patricia Humphries, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Helen
Mathews, Zachary Veillon

Saturday, May 17

4:00 -Mass for Earleen Baillio, Charlene Beurlet, Rev. Bob
Courville, Mary Erin Curley, Stanley Gene Desselle,
Jessica Gutierrez, Patricia Humphries, Weston C. Johnson,
Jr., Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Michael Marchand, Warren
Moreau, Michael Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette

Sunday, May 18

- 8:00 -Mass for Pauline Crawford
9:30 -Mass for Floyd Lacombe
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
5:30 -Mass for the Ardoin Family

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Mary Lee Robichaux by her children. If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214. **Flowers are \$100 for both arrangements.**

ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS this week is in memory of all living & deceased members of the Anita Wooley 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 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 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 Catechism 1822-1829 or 1396-1829

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.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS – Thanks to all those individuals who worked the Wednesday Evening Meals this past year. **Special Thanks** to Donnie Bolton for organizing and purchasing the food for all the meals! We look forward to seeing you all again on September 3, 2025. If you would like to volunteer to join this ministry, please contact the church office at 445-7140.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of May 4	\$ 17,792.50
Online & EFT Gifts May 4	\$ 2,190.00
Contributions May 4	\$ 19,982.50

BLDG/Main Fund April	\$ 1,057.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT April	\$ 595.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own.

Next weekend, in every parish throughout the Diocese of Alexandria, Catholics who have not done so already, will be asked to support the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to the ADA.

OUR SICK: Clifton Babineaux, Earnest Bryant, Odell Carlino, Margaret Distefano, Soosai Mary & Thirumurthi, Cynthia Parker, Patsy Thibodeaux, Patsy Wilmore

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Barry Ackel, 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, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Walter G. Vanderlick, Margarite Velotta, Patsy Wilmore

OUR SHUT- INS: Joan Andries, Leon Bergeron, Doris Lachney Billeau, 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 Gonzalez, 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, Zadi Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Clea Perry, Billie Phillips, Lee Procel, Willis Rabalais, JoAnn Rachal, 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, 1st 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. Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioners, Merline Fruge and Harold and Louise Lajaunie. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN:

This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Alexandria to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccs

SPECIAL THANKS to the Altar & Rosary Society for hosting and preparing the food for the reception for the first communicants and their families. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all.

Thanks also to the Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond for the gift bags for the communicants.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond bake sale last weekend. The sale was a great success!

—Marilyn Price, Regent

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Communicants

who made their First Communion last Saturday. They were; Amelia Besson, James Downey, Tabitha Enger, Trenton Garon, Ainslee Gray, Grayson Guillory, Colton Howell, Shane Juneau, Kash Minton, Sophia Price, Lorelai Rachal, Olivia Robichaux, Katherine Gomez, Angel Sierra, Tinslee Thomas, Asher Thomasee, Angelina Tran, Louis Tran, Yarely Velazco and Scarlet White. Special thanks to Nicole Glankler for preparing the children for First Communion.

REMINDER FOR ALL LECTORS and ALTAR SERVERS: If you are not going to be able to serve on the day you are scheduled, go to your APP for the Ministry Scheduler Pro and hit the swap button. The program will notify lectors that serve at that Mass and someone will pick up your assignment.

The schedule is live on the website for ANYONE to view (no log in required). It is under the “Engage and Encounter” tab and listed as the “Current Minister Schedule”. The schedule will update as changes are made. You do not have to download the APP for this program to work for you! You can access it on any computer or ipad, however you will need your log in information. If you are having problems downloading the APP or getting your emails, please contact Deacon Kenny Sayes at 451-4555.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT BISHOP DESMOND will meet on Thursday, May 15 at 5:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

—Marilyn Price, Regent

SAVE THE DATE:

ROOTED, 2nd Session on Saturday, May 31, 11:30 - 3:30 in the Holy Family Center. Registration forms can be found in the bulletin, on the round table in the foyer and on our website www.strita.org. See the bulletin insert for more details.

— Deacon Kenny Sayes

MANNA HOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS on the first Tuesday of every month from 10:00 AM to 1:15 PM, providing meals to those in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please email at cenlamannahouse@gmail.com.

--Jessica Viator, Executive Director

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.

GRADUATING SENIORS MASS on Sunday, May 11 at 5:30 PM Mass. Please wear your cap and gown!

FAITH FORMATION - Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year is NOW OPEN! You can register on our website, www.strita.org for grades **PK thru 5th grade, 6th, 7th & 8th grade Youth Grade**, Classes will start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

ATTENTION ALL 11TH 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 16 - 19, 8:00 AM - 12:00. Cost is \$10 per child, max \$30. You can go online at www.strita.org and follow the “VBS True North” link to register your child (PK- Gr. 6) or as a volunteer (Gr. 7 - Adult). For more information, contact Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217. **Volunteers grade 7 - Adults can register OnLine as well!**