

St. Rita Catholic Church

May 18, 2025
Fifth 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.

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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OnLine Giving
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)

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.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

this weekend after the 8:00 & 9:30 Mass

ROOTED Session 2 - Saturday May 31

register TODAY on our website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

registration is now open !! See back of bulletin for details

**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 17

4:00 -Mass for Earleen Baillio, Charlene Beurlot, 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 the congregation of St. Rita 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

Monday, May 19

8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider

Tuesday, May 20

8:00 -Mass for Richard Ducote

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, May 21

8:00 -Mass for Theresa Brocato

Thursday, May 22

8:00 -Mass for Warren Moreau
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
 10:00 -Mass for Annette Merritt (Lexington House)
 5:00 -Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond (HFC)

Friday, May 23

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Jessica Gutierrez, Norm Olson, Zachary Veillon

Saturday, May 24

4:00 -Mass for Loretta Bohrer, Kaleb Clark, Bridget Legendre Darlington, Susan Chicola Davis, Melba Ducote Dutton, Freddie Lavespere, Bob & Leah Leonard, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Helen Mathews, Natalie Mendel, Harold Showers, Souls in Purgatory, Wooley Family

Sunday, May 25

8:00 -Mass for Warren & Eula Moreau
 9:30 -Mass for Mickey Faraldo
 11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
 -Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for deceased members Spanish Community
 5:30 -Mass for Larry Robin, Sr., Larry Robin, Jr.

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Francis Finney by her family. 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 loving memory of Michael Perry, Jr. 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 all deceased members 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: 57: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

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>	
Sunday Gifts week of May 11	\$ 15,601.60
Online & EFT Gifts May 11	\$ 8,653.80
Contributions May 11	\$ 24,255.40
BLDG/Main Fund May	\$ 305.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT May	\$ 765.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

Today is our parish's 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity join with Catholic throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church.

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 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, 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 parishioner, Gomez Lopez. Please join us in welcoming him to our parish family.

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/ccc

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.

ROOTED, 2nd Session on Saturday, May 31, 11:30 - 3:30 in the Holy Family Center. Registration forms can be found on the round table in the foyer and on our website www.strita.org. — Deacon Kenny Sayes

SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the teachers, helpers, etc... who volunteered with Faith Formation this past year and for the sharing your time and talent with the children/youth of our parish. As we end this year of Faith Formation, we ask that everyone prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry by investing in the future of our church and parish. For more information contact Courtney Brinkman, 445-7141 ext 217.

Pre-K/K - Wanda Hinton

1st - Paige Griffin

2nd - Nicole Glankler

3rd - Denise Warshaw

4th - Aaron Rachal

5th - Mike & Barbara Carlin

6th, 7th & 8th Youth Group - Kathryn Velotta, Hunter Andries

Confirmation - Gabe & Heather Johnson

And all the subs and assistants that have volunteered their help!

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 Pope Leo XIV. 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.

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!**

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Alexandria

Wednesday, June 4 -- 6:00pm

Minors are not allowed because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

To pre-register: Go to www.virtus.org; click on the FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT button; complete all requested information.

Every adult who works/volunteers with minors in the Diocese of Alexandria's churches/schools is required to be trained in child sexual abuse awareness.