

St. Rita Catholic Church

May 25, 2025
Sixth 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

Code QR for
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.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

*Please remember in prayer, all service men and women,
living and deceased.*

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, May 26, 6:00 PM

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 24

4:00 -Mass for Loretta Bohrer, Kalab Clark, Bridget Legendre
Darlington, Susan Chicola Davis, Melba Ducote Dutton,
Freddie Lavespere, Bob & Leah Leonard, Paul & Peggy
Marcotte, Helen Mathews, Natalie Mendel, Howard
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.

Monday, May 26

8:00 -Mass for Shiley Agliano
 6:00 -Adoration & Benediction (Church)

Tuesday, May 27

8:00 -Mass for Kathy Fryer Thomas
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
 5:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, May 28

8:00 -Mass for Jerry Brown

Thursday, May 29

8:00 -Mass for Franis Labatut
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
 10:00 -Mass for Fred & Oceana Geisel (Lexington House)

Friday, May 30

8:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Gerald Leglue, Peter Scalfano,
 Howard & Sadie Jean Shores, Sid Rud, Zachary Veillon,
 David Voelker

Saturday, May 31

4:00 -Mass for Jerry Brown, Frank & Angelina Cortello, James
 F. Curley, Sr., Mary Erin Curley, Frances Finney, Floyd
 Lacombe, Michael Marchand, Warren Moreau, Michael
 Perry, Jr., Michael Robichaux, Robichaux Family, Steve
 Stolzer, Wooley Family

Sunday, June 1

8:00 -Mass for Peter Scalfano
 9:30 -Mass for Floyd & Betty 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 Charlene Beurlet

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory
 of Howard and Sadie Jean Shores by Bob and Desi
 Martin. 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 Josephine Marcotte by her 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: Acts 1:11 Ps 47:2-3,
 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-
 53

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 18	\$ 15,148.03
Online & EFT Gifts May 18	\$ 10,872.00
Contributions May 18	\$ 26,020.03
BLDG/Main Fund May	\$ 565.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT May	\$ 880.00

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.*

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR
 FAMILIES:** Brent Bordelon, Sr.

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

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Barry
 Ackel, Pierce Babineaux, Gary Baden, 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 Billeaudeau,
 Sadie Blakesley, Lou Blalock, Mike Blalock, Sharon Bringol, Joseph "Napp"
 Brouillette, John Broussard, Frances Chatman, Donald Coco, Renee Crooks, Julia
 Cunningham, Benny 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, JoAnn
 Rachall, 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, George and Lisa Hardy. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.



CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call 445-7141 ext 4.

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/cc

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

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. See the bulletin insert for more details.
— Deacon Kenny Sayes

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.

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!**

TRAVELING VOCATIONS STOLE: Please consider signing up for the St. Rita Parish Traveling Vocations Stole! We ask that you take the Priest Stole home with you for one week, and to pray daily for vocations with those in your house. The stole comes with a booklet that has vocations prayers for each day of the week, which you are welcome to use.

The sign up sheet is located in the church foyer. When it is your week you can simply take the stole and prayer booklet from the church foyer when you go to Mass that weekend.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL STORE located at 1210 Bolton Avenue. If you have any donations of furniture, appliances, household items or clothing, you may drop off your donations at the store. Please arrange to drop off all donations at the store; we do not have the resources to pick up donated items. The store hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We do provide a letter of donation for tax purposes. For more information call 473-0887.

VIRTUS™
Protecting God's Children for Adults

St. Joseph Catholic Center
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.