

St. Rita Catholic Church

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

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:

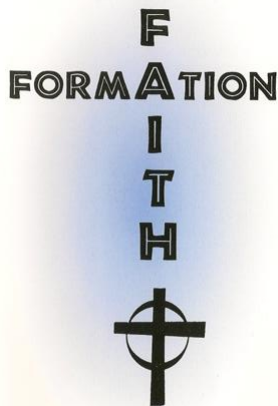
Contact Debbie Brown, 445-7141 ext 214
(6 months prior to desired wedding date)

ANOIDING 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.



REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

please register your child/ren as soon as possible

FAITH FORMATION grades Pre-K - 5TH,

6th, 7th, & 8th grade Youth Group

CONFIRMATION 11th Grade

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 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 Beurlot

Monday, June 2

8:00 -Mass for Rebecca Fruge Lachney

Tuesday, June 3

8:00 -Mass for Ronnie Crawford

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 4

8:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark

Thursday, June 5

8:00 -Mass for Stacey Ardoin
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
 10:00 -Mass for Laura Longo (Lexington House)

Friday, June 6

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello, Mickey Faraldo, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Judge Robert Jackson, Zachary Veillon

Saturday, June 7

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, Rev. Bob Courville, Melba Ducote Dutton, Weston C. Johnson, Jr., Floyd Lacombe, Freddie Lavespere, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Natalie Mendel, Norm Olson, Raymond Rachall, Gerald & Mary Lee Robichaux, Sr., Michael Robichaux, Lillian Kramer Villemez

Sunday, June 8

8:00 -Mass for Brenda Welch Gremillion
 9:30 -Mass for Theresa Brocato
 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 James VanMol

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in loving memory of Larry Robin, Sr., by Margeurite Robin. 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 Michael Robichaux by Laura Robichaux; and Larry Robin Sr. by Margarite Robin. 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 William Brent Bordelon, Sr. 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: 297: Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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 25	\$ 10,204.00
Online & EFT Gifts May 25	\$ 3,649.00
Contributions May 25	\$ 13,853.00
BLDG/Main Fund May	\$ 815.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT May	\$ 885.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal last weekend. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA there are pledge envelopes available in each pew. Please take the time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of the Diocese.

OUR SICK: Margaret Distefano, Vivian Johnson, Curtis Meaux

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Phillip Brouillette, Leslie Fryer, Aimee Lachney Gray, Shirley Hebert, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Janice Lachney, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Brad Stewart, Soosai Mary & Thirumurthi, Erica Stewart, 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, Clea 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.

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

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

Register today!! Forms are available online.

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!** *If you would like to make a donation for VBS, please use the VBS envelope found in the hymnal rack and drop in the collection basket.*

FORMED, FORMING CATHOLICS FOR LIFE:

Join our parish subscription of FORMED!! Go to Formed.org/signup and enter our parish zipcode (71303) and name of our parish (St. Rita) then enter your name and email. There is no charge for you to join. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies documentaries and studies..there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

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 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN THE STORE!

Just a few hours a month would be a great help! The store is open Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For more information or to volunteer, call Mrs. Julie Rini at 473-0887.

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.



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Blood Mobile

Sunday, June 8 ♦ 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

SIGN UP TODAY!



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