

St. Rita Catholic Church

June 15, 2025
The Most Holy Trinity

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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

A special blessing and gift for all Fathers at each Mass

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

begins this Monday 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon

**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, June 14

4:00 -Mass for Mary Erin Curley, James F. Curley, Sr., Bridget Legendre Darlington, Susan Chicola Davis, Stanley Gene Desselle, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Wally Metrejean, Michael Robichaux, Gerald Robichaux, Sr., Harold Showers, Steve Stolzer, Raymond Villmarette, Souls in Purgatory, Intention of Gene & Diane Prevot on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 15

8:00 -Mass for all living & deceased fathers
9:30 -Mass for all living & deceased fathers
11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish

-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)

12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased fathers

5:30 -Mass for all living & deceased fathers

Monday, June 16

8:00 -Mass for Earleen Baillio

8:00 -VBS (HFC)

Tuesday, June 17

8:00 -Mass for Mary Snow

8:00 -VBS (HFC)

5:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 18

8:00 -Mass for T.D. Prestridge

8:00 -VBS (HFC)

Thursday, June 19

8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider

8:00 -VBS (HFC)

10:00 -Mass for Hilton Vead (Lexington House)

Friday, June 20

8:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlot, Frank & Angelina Cortello, Mickey Faraldo, Frances Finney, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Zachary Veillon

Saturday, June 21

4:00 -Mass for Theresa Brocato, Jerry Brown, Rev. Bob Courville, Melba Ducote Dutton, Toni Lynn Hogue, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Bob & Leah Leonard, Michael Marchand, Helen Mathews, Warren Moreau, Michael Perry, Jr., Michael Robichaux, Robichaux Family

Sunday, June 22

8:00 -Mass for Warren & Eula Moreau
 9:30 -Mass for Irving Douzart
 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 Ardoin Family

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of John Marzullo by his 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 memory of Jerry Brown by his family; and T.D. & Amy Prestridge by Mary Faircloth. 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 Michael Boatner. 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: Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17 Catechism 1373-1381

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 June 8	\$ 23,706.35
Online & EFT Gifts June 8	\$ 8,453.91
Contributions June 8	\$ 32,160.26
BLDG/Main Fund June	\$ 400.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT June	\$ 195.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

St. Rita 2025 Goal: \$ 95,023.00
Pledged to date: \$ 70,023.50
Paid to date: \$ 59,297.90
Still needed to meet goal: \$ 24,999.50
Donors 161

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Michael Boatner

OUR SICK: Joan Andries, Brian Blalock, Heyman Bohrer, Curtis Meaux, Christen Leatherman, Lori Limberg, Marilyn Price, Patsy Thibodeaux

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Phillip Brouillette, Margaret Distefano, 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, Bettye Dekeyzer, 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 Gonzaque, 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, Cleta Perry, Billie Phillips, Lee Procel, Willis Rabalais, JoAnn Rachall, Nanette Redman, Patsy Robinson, James Schoolcraft, Adrienne Stevens, Susan Turner, Joan Vanderlick, Walter 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, Major 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, Thomas and Carmen Robichaux and their family.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope and drop in the collection basket. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

NO BREAKFAST CLUB after Mass this Tuesday and Thursday due to VBS.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (OCIA)—If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, please call the church office at 445-7120. We are glad to work within your schedule and help you in any way to become a Catholic.
 —Jerry & Gwen Deville

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.

ST. RITA PRAYER GARDEN LEGACY BRICKS: Didn't get your legacy brick for your loved one who is living or deceased? We have had several requests to purchase a brick. We only have **33** bricks left and the bricks are \$125 each. To order your brick call the church office at 445-7120, or stop by the office. There are also order forms on the round table in the church foyer. For more information call, 445-7141 ext 214.

DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP!! The St. Rita App is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Our App allows us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events. So be sure to download the App by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's App store.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are told through Scripture and the Church that "it is a good and holy practice to pray for the dead." This is why the Church offers Mass Intentions.

Please keep in mind that we are a parish of 1,400 families, and celebrate an average of 60 funerals per year. Almost as soon as we receive the Mass Intention Book for the upcoming calendar year it is filled! That is why we inform you that if you request a particular date, it might not be available. The request for certain dates and times can also make it hard for families that are actively grieving the recent loss of a loved one to schedule Masses.

To alleviate this issue, some years ago the Church began allowing "Multi Intention Masses." We celebrate these at St. Rita on Fridays at 8:00 AM and Saturdays at 4:00 PM (Only two Multi-Intention Masses are allowed per week.)

As in the past we ask that you consider allowing us to share your Intentions, and the stipend of course, with smaller parishes. Unlike large parishes like ours, there are smaller parishes in our own Diocese that may go weeks with no Mass Intention and no stipend for the priest. Please consider this as an option when remembering your beloved deceased!



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.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS such as rosaries, baptism items, car visor medals, holy water bottles, women's religious jewelry, large home crucifixes, etc... are available for sale at the church office. Proceeds benefit the Altar & Rosary Society.

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.