

St. Rita Catholic Church

June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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.

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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)

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH & ADULTS ATTENDING STEUBENVILLE THIS WEEKEND!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, June 23 at 6:00 PM

**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 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 Irvin Douzart
11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Ardoin Family

Monday, June 23

8:00 -Mass for Brent Bordelon, Sr.

6:00 -Adoration & Benediction

Tuesday, June 24

8:00 -Mass for Gerald & Mary Lee Robichaux, Sr.

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 25

8:00 -Mass for Beverly Bohrer

Thursday, June 26

8:00 -Mass for Judge Robert Jackson

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

10:00 -Mass for Sylvia Toves (Lexington House)

Friday, June 27

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Norm Olson, Sid
Rud, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker

Saturday, June 28

4:00 -Mass for Laura Lane Bruce, Kaleb Clark, Frank &
Angelina Cortello, Duane G. Fruge, Rebecca Fruge
Lachney, Floyd Lacombe, Freddie Lavespere, Michael

Marchand, Natalie Mendel, Michael Perry Jr., Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer, Tyler Thiels

Sunday, June 29

8:00 -Mass for Mickey Faraldo
9:30 -Mass for Rebecca Fruge Lachney
11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Spanish Mass for Spanish Community
5:30 -Mass for Frank & Angela Cortello

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Warren and Eula Moreau by Barbara, Bucket, and Jane Trotter. 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 Mark Guillory by Pat and Belinda Guillory. 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 Walter Vanderlick. 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 15	\$ 14,988.50
Online & EFT Gifts June 15	\$ 6,212.00
Contributions June 15	\$ 21,200.50
BLDG/Main Fund June	\$ 400.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT June	\$ 285.00

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: Joan Andries, Nathan Ducote, Michael Glass, Maria Serrano, Walter Vanderlick

OUR SICK: Brian Blalock, Curtis Meaux, Lori Limberg, Hebert Nugent, Patsy Thibodeaux

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Heyman Bohrer, Phillip Brouillette, Leslie Fryer, Aimee Lachney Gray, Shirley Hebert, Dorothy Hill, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Janice Lachney, Christen Leatherman Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Marilyn Price, Zachary Price, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Margarite Velotta, Patsy Wilmore

OUR SHUT-INS: 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, 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, 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION on Monday, June 23 at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to join us.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, please call the church office at 445-7141 ext. 214. Classes will begin in the fall. We are glad to work within your schedule and help you in any way to become a Catholic.

– Fr. Raj, Jerry & Gwen Deville

SPECIAL THANKS to all our volunteers who helped with our VBS program this past week. A very special thanks to our many teens who came out each day to help with the little ones. We could not have done it without volunteers. It was a wonderful week and the children had a great time! Also, thanks to everyone who contributed monetary donations to VBS!! We appreciate your support!

—Courtney Brinkman & Kathryn Velotta

TRAVELING SACRED HEART OF JESUS

STATUE: Beginning Saturday, June 21 our Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond has the honor of hosting the statue at St. Rita until Friday, June 27. The statue is traveling for 2 years, visiting every Catholic Daughter court in the state of Louisiana. The journey started May 24, 2025 in Shreveport and will end at the Catholic Daughter State Convention in 2027.

All parishioners and members of our Catholic Daughters are asked to pray the Sacred Heart of Jesus chaplet daily before the statue. Prayer will be led by a Catholic Daughter after each Mass beginning with 4:00 Mass on June 21, all Masses on Sunday June 22 and 8:00 daily Mass June 23 - 27 lasting approximately 15 minutes. Parishioners may pray before the statue before Mass individually if they choose. Please consider joining them in prayer.

—Marilyn Price, Regent

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: If you would like to participate in the offertory procession by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine at Mass, then let an usher know before Mass! Our ushers don't always know who would be willing to participate in this way, so volunteer!

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 **27** 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.

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!

MANNA HOUSE 35 FOR 35 CHALLENGE!

For 35 years, we've been serving our community, ensuring that those facing food insecurity have access to meals, support, and hope. Now, we need YOU to help us continue this mission! We're challenging everyone to donate \$35 or raise \$35 from friends and family to support our work. Every dollar helps provide food to those in need. Here's how you can join:

Donate \$35 – Every contribution makes a difference.

Raise \$35 – Ask 3 friends to pitch in \$10 each!

Spread the word – Share this post and invite others to take part! Together, we can make a HUGE impact. Donate now: givetomannahouse.com

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.