

St. Rita Catholic Church

June 29, 2025

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH & ADULTS

attending COVE CREST YOUTH CAMP in

Tiger, Georgia this week!

May they have a safe and fun week!

FAITH FORMATION grades Pre-K - 5TH,
6th, 7th, & 8th grade Youth Group

CONFIRMATION 11th Graders

REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

please register your child/ren as soon as possible

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 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

Monday, June 30

8:00 -Mass for Howard & Sadie Jean Shores

Tuesday, July 1

8:00 -Mass for Tony Lafaso

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:00 -NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 2

8:00 -Mass for Warren Moreau

Thursday, July 3

8:00 -Mass for Larry Robin, Sr.

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

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

Friday, July 4

8:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Theresa Brocato, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Walter Vanderlick, Zachary Veillon, Intention of George & Lisa Hardy

Saturday, July 5

4:00 -Mass for James F. Curley, Sr., Mary Erin Curley, Bridget Legendre Darlington, Susan Chicola Davis, Melba Ducote Dutton, Floyd Lacombe, Albert Mathews, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Gerald A. & Mary Lee Robichaux, Sr., Michael Gerald Robichaux, Lorie Snow Stevenson Steve Stolzer, Wooley Family

Sunday, July 6

8:00 -Mass for Peter Scalfano

9:30 -Mass for Mary Snow

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 Brenda Welch Gremillion

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Frances 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 memory of living and deceased members of Anita Wooley's 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 Joan Andries. 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: 381: Gn 23:1-4,19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-5 Mt 9:9-13

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 22	\$ 16,587.65
Online & EFT Gifts June 22	\$ 9,942.00
Contributions June 22	\$ 26,529.65
BLDG/Main Fund June	\$ 772.50
BLDG/Main Online & EFT June	\$ 585.00

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

OUR SICK: Heyman Bohrer, Donald Lachney, Lori Limberg, Curtis Meaux, Tiffany McCall, Hebert Nugent, Edward Rachal, Patsy Thibodeaux, Sharon Vandersypen

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Brian Blalock, 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 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, 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.



PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, July 3 in observance of 4th of July.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Knights of Columbus #1134 and Catholic Daughter Court Bishop Desmond for all their help at the Steubenville Youth Conference last weekend. You were greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE: Watch the bulletin for further details.

ROOTED Session 3, Saturday July 19, 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Taste of St. Rita, Saturday, August 23, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

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

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.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Court Desmond. The blankets are available at the parish office for:

- Any adult or child with a physical or emotional illness.
 - Individuals preparing for surgery or recovering from an acute illness.
 - Individuals living with chronic conditions or in treatment for a life threatening illness.
 - Anyone experiencing a crisis such as the loss of a loved one, loss of job, relationship Crisis, etc.....
 - High risk pregnancy, miscarriage or neonatal Crisis.
- You can pick up a prayer blanket for yourself or someone from the church office during business hours. For more information contact, the church office 445-7120.