

St. Rita Catholic Church

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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, 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

Monday, July 7

8:00 -Mass for Michael Robichaux

Tuesday, July 8

8:00 -Mass for Norm Olson

8:30 -NO Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:00 -NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 9

8:00 -Mass for Clarence "Eddie" Weston, Sr.

Thursday, July 10

8:00 -Mass for John Marzullo

8:30 -NO Breakfast Club (HFC)

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

Friday, July 11

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Helen Mathews,
Burt Nezat, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker

Saturday, July 12

4:00 -Mass for Earleen Baillio, Charlene Beurlot, Jerry Brown,
Kaleb Clark, Rev. Bob Courville, Freddie Lavespere, Percy
J. Legendre, Jr., Michael Marchand, Natalie Mendel,

Warren Moreau, Norm Olson, Robichaux family, Kevin Thiels

Sunday, July 13

8:00 -Mass for Warren & Eula Moreau
9:30 -Mass for Paul & Peggy Marcotte
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 James Van Mol

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Alfred Ruoppoli, Sr., by Loretta Ruoppoli. 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 Alfred & Gene Ruoppoli by Loretta Ruoppoli; and John Duplan III by Linda Duplan. 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 Maria Serrano. 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: Dt 30, 10-14 Ps 68(69), 14, 17 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 Col 1, 15-20 Lk 10, 25-37 Catechism 1913-1916

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> | |
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| Sunday Gifts week of June 29 | \$ 15,351.00 |
| Online & EFT Gifts June 29 | \$ 3,187.00 |
| Contributions June 29 | \$ 18,538.00 |
| BLDG/Main Fund June | \$ 772.50 |
| BLDG/Main Online & EFT June | \$ 610.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. Rita 2025 Goal: **\$ 95,023.00**
Pledged to date: **\$ 80,743.50**
Paid to date: **\$ 71,569.85**
Still needed to meet goal: **\$ 14,279.50**
Donors **176**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Odell Carlino

OURSICK: Jackie Arnold, Greg Beavers, Heyman Bohrer, Colton Geisel, Donald Lachney, Lori Limberg, Curtis Meaux, Nick & Vicki Medica, Tiffany McCall, Hebert Nugent, Edward Rachal, Sharon Vandersypen, Patti Williams

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, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Marilyn Price, Zachary Price, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Patsy Thibodeaux, Margarite Velotta, Patsy Wilmore

OUR SHUT-INS: Leon Bergeron, Doris Lachney Billeau, 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, Zadi Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Cleta Perry, Billie Phillips, Lee Procel, Willis Rabalais, JoAnn Rachal, 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.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioners, Kayla Peltier; Jacob and Katie Smith and their families. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish 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.

CHURCH IN AFRICA COLLECTION: Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in collection basket. Visit www.usccb.org/africa

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

CANDLE INCREASE: Due to the rising cost of the candles, we have no choice but to raise the price of the large candles. The small 4 hour candles will remain at .50 cents and the large 6 day candles will now be \$4.00.

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

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 **22** 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.

MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, July 26 at the 4:00 Mass for all the members of St. Rita Church who have died January 1 - June 30, 2025. Those to be remembered are Joan Andries, Charlene Soileau Beurlot, Robbie Stephen Bordelon, William Brent Bordelon, Sr., Odell Frank Carlino, Doris Darlene Dorsey, Nathan Ducote, Frances Domico Finney, Michael Jude Glass, John Joseph Greene, Robert Powell Jackson, Floyd Anthony Lacombe, Vivian Regina Johnson, Helen Rose Mathews, Msgr. Bruce Miller, Michael Eugene Perry, Jr., Maria Serreno, Harold Glynn Showers and Walter Gerald Vanderlick.

A reception will follow the Bereavement Mass in the the Holy Family Center. Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry.

DISPLAY FOR MEMORIAL MASS: If you lost a loved, between January - June 2025, we will have a table set up in the church foyer for you to display 1 (ONE) framed picture of your loved one. Please put your contact information on the picture, so that we can return to you. The table will be set up in the foyer, the weekend of July 20.

TASTE OF ST. RITA on Saturday, August 23, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Tickets on sale at the church office beginning Monday, July 14. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child. **TICKETS ARE FOR THE GUESTS, NOT THE PARTICIPANTS.**

We are asking for parishioners to participate in preparing your favorite dish. You would provide a dish of your choice, such as a Soup, Salad, Main Dish, Vegetable, Dessert, Breads. You would also serve your dish to the guests. Portions served are very small (4oz), we will provide the serving cups and forks. Beer and Wine will also be provided. If you would like to participate or for more information, please call Debbie Brown at 445-7141 ext 214 or 447-4641.



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.

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.