

# St. Rita Catholic Church

July 13, 2025  
Fifteenth 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  
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Download our parish app by visiting [myparish](#) on your Smart Phone's app store.



Code QR for  
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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 - 5<sup>TH</sup> ,  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group  
**CONFIRMATION** 11<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** - Grades 9-12  
**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](http://www.strita.org).  
You can also view all our Live Streamed Masses  
anytime on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org).

## Saturday, July 12

4:00 -Mass for Earleen Baillio, Charlene Beurlet, 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

## Monday, July 14

8:00 -Mass for Judge Robert Jackson

## Tuesday, July 15

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:00 -NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

## Wednesday, July 16

8:00 -Mass for Wally Metrejean

## Thursday, July 17

8:00 -Mass in memory of Gene & Lela Bordelon on their 71<sup>st</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

10:00 -Mass for Mickey Faraldo (Lexington House)

## Friday, July 18

8:00 -Mass for Joan Andries, Charlene Beurlet, Theresa  
Brocato, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Elizabeth Ann

Remillard, Harold Showers, Zachary Veillon

### Saturday, July 19

4:00-Mass for Shirley Brouillette, James F. Curley, Sr., Bridget Legendre Darlington, Stanley Gene Desselle, Melba Ducote Dutton, Weston C. Johnson, Jr., Bob & Leah Leonard, Helen Mathews, Wally Metrejean, Michael Perry, Jr., Michael Gerald Robichaux, Al Schexnaider, Raymond Villmarette

### Sunday, July 20

8:00 -Mass for Jerome Dekeyzer  
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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** were provided in memory of Gene & Lela Bordelon on their 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary by their children. 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 Earleen Baillio by Bobby Baillio; and in memory of Gene and Lela Bordelon on their 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary by their children. 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 Nathan Ducote. 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 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42 Catechism 2725-2728

**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>	
<b>Sunday Gifts week of July 6</b>	<b>\$ 19,914.50</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts July 6</b>	<b>\$ 12,476.00</b>
<b>Contributions June July 6</b>	<b>\$ 32,390.50</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Fund July</b>	<b>\$ 465.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT June</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

#### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

**St. Rita 2025 Goal:** \$ 95,023.00  
**Pledged to date:** \$ 86,775.50  
**Paid to date:** \$ 76,215.35  
**Still needed to meet goal:** \$ 8,247.50  
**Donors** 194

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:** Donald Lachney

**OUR SICK:** Jackie Arnold, Greg Beavers, Heyman Bohrer, Patricia Velotta Glorioso, Nick & Vicki Medica, Herman Scallan, Jr., Chad Scroggs,

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Phillip Brouillette, Shirley Hebert, Krystal Herde, Dorothy Hill, Colton Geisel, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Janice Lachney, Tiffany McCall, Curtis Meaux, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Sharon Vandersypen, Margarite Velotta, Patti Williams

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Leon Bergeron, Doris Lachney Billeaudeau, Sadie Blakesley, Lou Blalock, Mike Blalock, Sharon Bringol, 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, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dbrown@strita.org). Please keep all military and their families in your prayers.

**CHURCH IN AFRICA COLLECTION:** The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled – but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples – these and all the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa)

**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.

**2nd QUARTER 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** were sent out last week. If we have your email address, yours went to your email address, otherwise the statements were mailed. If you did not receive your statement, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210 or email [etta@strita.org](mailto:etta@strita.org).



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST** for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, July 27 after the 8:00 & 9:30 AM Mass. Prepared by KC Council #1134. Please plan to join us!!

The Pope has chosen “*Blessed are those who have not lost hope*” as the theme for the 2025 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. These words, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the blessedness of the elderly and highlight the hope placed in the Lord as the path to a Christian and reconciled old age.

**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.

**ROOTED: Exploring the Sacraments** on Saturday, July 19, 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. See bulletin insert for more details.

**“WHEN YOU PRAY” Bible Study** begins on Monday, September 8 for 7 sessions. See bulletin insert for more details.

**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, Michael Faybon Boatner, Robbie Stephen Bordelon, William Brent Bordelon, Sr., Odell Frank Carlino, Vergie Clay, Doris Darlene Dorsey, Nathan Ducote, Frances Domico Finney, Michael Jude Glass, John Joseph Greene, Robert Powell Jackson, Vivian Regina Johnson, Floyd Anthony Lacombe, 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. For more information, please call Debbie Brown at 445-7141 ext 214 or 447-4641.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** grades 9 - 12, registration is now open. They will begin meeting on Sunday, September 7, time to be announced. **You can register and pay the \$30 fee on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org).**

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us!! –Gina Lachney, President

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS** will begin on Wednesday, September 3, 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. Volunteers are needed for the following teams; **If you are already on a team, you do not have to volunteer again.** **Cook Teams** are responsible for cooking the meal on their scheduled work week. **Serving teams** help with serving the meal and cleaning up after the meal. If you would like to volunteer please call, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210 or Donnie Bolton at 613-6187.

**AN EVENING WITH THE SEMINARIANS:** You are invited to meet the current seminarians of the Diocese of Alexandria. This event will be held at St. Rita Church in the Holy Family Center on Wednesday, August 6 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet and get to know the men who are discerning priesthood for the Diocese of Alexandria while enjoying food, drink and entertainment! Free of charge; donations for seminarian education gratefully accepted! Please RSVP by Thursday, July 31 so we can prepare! [starver@diocesealex.org](mailto:starver@diocesealex.org) or (318) 445-6424 ext. 209.