

St. Rita Catholic Church

July 20, 2025
Sixteenth 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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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)
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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)

ANOINTING 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.

MEMORIAL MASS next Saturday, July 26, 4:00 PM.

Please pray for all the deceased.

Reception in Holy Family Center after Memorial Mass



GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY DAY next Sunday, July 27

Please join us for breakfast after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Mass

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 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

Monday, July 21

8:00 -Mass for Warren Moreau

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 -Mass for Howard & Sadie Jean Shores
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
5:00 -NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 -Mass for Larry Robin, Sr.

Thursday, July 24

8:00 -Mass for Kathy Fryer Thomas
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
10:00 -Mass for Sylvia Toves (Lexington House)

Friday, July 25

8:00 -Mass for Lela Bordelon, Donald Lachney, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Sid Rud, Howard & Sadie Jean Shores, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker

Saturday, July 26

4:00 -Mass for Mary Erin Curley, Kaleb Clark, Rev. Bob Courville, Lacombe Family, Freddie Lavespere, Michael Marchand, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Natalie Mendel, Warren Moreau, Norm Olson, Michael Perry, Jr., Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer

Sunday, July 27

8:00 -Mass for Intention of George & Lisa Hardy
9:30 -Mass for Lacombe Family
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 Vivian Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in honor of Leonard & Ona Wilson on their 16th Wedding Anniversary. 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 Lela Bordelon on her birthday by her children; and Larry Robin, Sr., on the anniversary of his death by Marguerite Robin. 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 Glass. 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 18:20-21 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13 Catechism 2598-2619 or 2734-2741

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 July 13	\$ 15,256.00
Online & EFT Gifts July 13	\$ 2,752.00
Contributions June July 13	\$ 18,008.00

BLDG/Main Fund July	\$ 465.00
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:	\$ 89,920.50
Paid to date:	\$ 80,032.43
Still needed to meet goal:	\$ 5,102.50
Donors	206

OUR SICK: Greg Beavers, Heyman Bohrer, Chloe Davis, Patricia Velotta Glorioso, James Manuel, Curtis Meaux, Nick & Vicki Medica, Herman Scallan, Jr., Chad Scroggs, Patti Williams

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

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, Benny 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, Zadie 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, 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.

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

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

FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Monday, August 4 at 12:00 noon in the Moreau Room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Monday, August 11 at 12:00 noon in the Holy Family Center.



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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

“WHEN YOU PRAY” Bible Study begins on Monday, September 8 for 7 sessions.

MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated next 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 Serrano, 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.

ST RITA ACTS is now soliciting volunteers to join the ACTS Core Team. We are seeking two men and two women to serve a three year term. The primary functions of the Core is to facilitate ACTS retreats and to continue beyond the retreat to active participation in spiritual development, service orientation, and ongoing Parish community building. Volunteers must have attended an ACTS retreat to be eligible. If you are interested in joining, please contact ACTS Facilitator, Nic Ohrt at stritaacts@outlook.com.

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.

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.**

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 or (318) 445-6424 ext. 209.