

St. Rita Catholic Church

August 3, 2025
Eighteenth 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
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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)

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.

FAITH FORMATION grades Pre-K - 5TH ,
6th, 7th, & 8th grade Youth Group
CONFIRMATION 11th Graders
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - Grades 9-12
REGISTRATION ONLINE at www.strita.org
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, August 2

4:00 -Mass for Theresa Brocato, Jerry Brown, Laura Lane
Bruce, James F. Curley, Sr., Bridget Legendre Darlington,
Susan Chicola Davis, Frances Finney, Percy J. Legendre,
Jr., Helen Michael Perry, Jr., Gerald & Mary Lee
Robichaux, Sr., Michael Gerald Robichaux, Wooley
Family

Sunday, August 3

8:00 -Mass for Peter Scalfano
9:30 -Mass for Duane G. Gruge
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 Paul & Peggy Marcotte

Monday, August 4

8:00 -Mass for Rebecca Fruge Lachney

Tuesday, August 5

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Robichaux, Sr.
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
5:00 -NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, August 6

8:00 -Mass for Earleen Baillio

Thursday, August 7

8:00 -Mass for Warren Moreau
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
10:00 -Mass for Mable Vead (Lexington House)

Friday, August 8

8:00 -Mass for Joan Andries, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue,
Helen Mathews, Sid Rud, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Zachary
Veillon, David Voelker

Saturday, August 9

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Brent Bordelon, Sr., Frank & Angelina Cortello, Mary Erin Curley, Duane G. Fruge, Brenda Welch Gremillion, Judge Robert Jackson, Rebecca Fruge Lachney, Warren Moreau, Norm Olson, Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer, Kathy Fryer Thomas

Sunday, August 10

8:00 -Mass for Warren & Eula Moreau
9:30 -Mass for Vivian Johnson
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 honor of James & Louise Shahan on their 59th 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 Melba Dutton by Judy Bordelon; Gary & Ann Remillard by Mary Faircloth. 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 Donald Lachney. 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: Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2 Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 Catechism 27-35

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 27	\$ 14,465.50
Online & EFT Gifts July 27	\$ 3,107.00
Contributions June July 27	\$ 17,572.50
BLDG/Main Fund July	\$ 1,700.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT July	\$ 585.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. Rita 2025 Goal:	\$ 95,023.00
Pledged to date:	\$ 94,435.50
Paid to date:	\$ 83,972.43
Still needed to meet goal:	\$ 587.50
Donors	212

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Bessie LeJeune, Willie Voochries, Betty Wilmore

OURSICK: Greg Beavers, Heyman Bohrer, Don Calhoon, James Manuel, Curtis Meaux, Herman Scallan, Jr., Chad Scroggs, Paul Socia, Patti Williams

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Jackie Arnold Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Phillip Brouillette, Shirley Hebert, Krystal Herde, Dorothy Hill, Colton Geisel, Patricia Velotta Glorioso, 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, Betty 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, 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. 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.

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 **15** 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.

STRITA 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.

ST. RITA WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT:

Applications are now being accepted for the St. Rita ACTS Women's Retreat, to be held November 13-16 at Maryhill Renewal Center. Application forms are available in the church foyer or on the website at www.strita.org.

Deadline for applications will be September 18, so we encourage you to submit your application form as soon as possible.

For more information about the retreat, please email to stritaacts@outlook.com or contact one of the following, Amy Yarbrough 318-542-9386, Heather Johnson 318-290-4354 or Marie Wilson 318-419-3223.

ST. RITA VOLUNTEERS needed at MANNA HOUSE the first Tuesday of every month, beginning at 11:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer, please consider joining them at the Manna House.

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.

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.

CENLA PREGNANCY CENTER'S
7th Annual Fundraising Banquet
"SEEDS OF HOPE"
Gift of Life
THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 | 6:00PM
Randolph Riverfront Center
Alexandria, LA
Author of the book, *Losing Cooper: Finding Hope to Grieve Well*, veteran morning on-air radio personality, comedian, dedicated Christian and devoted family man.
Purchase Your Table or Tickets Today!
Guest Speaker JJ JASPER
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