

# St. Rita Catholic Church

August 10, 2025  
Nineteenth 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*



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St. Rita Website

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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.

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**GOD BLESS ALL TEACHERS & STUDENTS**  
*as they return to classes this week*

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
*Holy Day of Obligation, Friday, August 15*  
*Thursday, Vigil Mass 5:30 PM*

*Friday, Masses 7:00 & 8:00 AM, 12:05 noon & 7:30 pm in Spanish*

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**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, August 9

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlot, 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

### Monday, August 11

8:00 -Mass for Duane G. Fruge

### Tuesday, August 12

8:00 -Mass for Zeline Prevot  
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)  
5:00 -NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Wednesday, August 13

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello

**Thursday, August 14**

8:00 -Mass for James Louis Dekeyzer  
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)  
 10:00 -Mass for Sylvia Toves (Lexington House)  
 5:30 -Mass for Kaleb Clark

**Friday, August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00- Mass for Vivian Johnson  
 8:00 -Mass for Joan Andries, Charlene Beurlet, Donald Lachney, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Gary Remillard, Walter Vanderlick, Zachary Veillon  
 12:05 -Mass for Marvin & Frances Finney

**Saturday, August 16**

4:00 -Mass for Michael Boatner, Noah Bohrer, Kaleb Clark, James F. Curley, Sr., Stanley Gene Desselle, Freddie Lavespere, Bob & Leah Leonard, Michael Marchand, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Helen Mathews, Natalie Mendel, Wally Metrejean, Norm Olson, Raymond Villmarette

**Sunday, August 17**

8:00 -Mass for Judy Snow  
 9:30 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello  
 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 Howard & Sadie Jean Shores by Bob & Desi Martin. 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** were provided in memory of Joan Andries by Elizabeth Holmes; and Earleen Baillio by Bobby Baillio. 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 Bessie LeJeune. 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:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53 Catechism 2302-2317

**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**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	
<b>Sunday Gifts week of August 3</b>	<b>\$ 21,842.00</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts August 3</b>	<b>\$ 4,602.00</b>
<b>Contributions August 3</b>	<b>\$ 26,444.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Fund August</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT August</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY****2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

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

**OUR SICK:** Greg Beavers, Curtis Meaux, Herman Scallan, Jr., Brad Stewart, Patti Williams

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Heyman Bohrer, Phillip Brouillette, Shirley Hebert, Colton Geisel, Dorothy Hill, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Janice Lachney, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, Paul Socia, Erica Stewart

**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, Zadie Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Clea 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, 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.

**MARYHILL COLLECTION:** Established in the 1940s by Bishop Charles P. Greco, Maryhill is used extensively by many seeking a spiritual and restful place to hold retreats and functions throughout the year. It continues to serve as the spiritual heart of the Diocese of Alexandria. Funds from this collection will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the structures and grounds in order to keep this sacred gift available to us. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope clearly marked. Please be generous to this collection.

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

**MISSION APPEAL for CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JAGDALPUR:** Please welcome Fr. Kurain Zachariah next weekend at all Masses for this Mission Appeal. Please be generous to this appeal, you may use a pew envelope and drop your donation in the collection basket marked Mission Appeal.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** celebrated on Friday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are Vigil Mass 5:30 PM on Thursday, August 14 and Friday Masses, August 15 are 7:00, 8:00 AM, 12:05 noon and 7:30 PM in Spanish. The Priests will visit all homebound shut-ins on Thursday, August 14.

**ALL EUCHARISTIC SERVERS WHO TAKE COMMUNION TO OUR SHUT - INS :** Please take note from the bulletin that the priests and deacon are scheduled to visit the shut-ins on Thursday, August 14. You do not need to take communion to your shut-ins this week. Thank you for all that you do. We and the shut-ins are very appreciative.

**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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH** at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Children's church takes place during the homily. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Deacon Kenny Sayes at 451-4555 or email [dcnksayes@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnksayes@diocesealex.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Faith Formation (CCD) on Wednesday evening, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering, call Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 217 or email [cbrinkman@strita.org](mailto:cbrinkman@strita.org)

**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 **10** 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.

**TASTE OF ST. RITA** on Saturday, August 23, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Tickets on sale at the church office. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child. Deadline for Tickets is Thursday, August 14. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

**FAITH FORMATION - Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year is NOW OPEN!** You can register on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org) for grades **PK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Grade**, Classes will start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

**ATTENTION ALL 11<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.strita.org).**