

St. Rita Catholic Church

August 17, 2025
Twentieth 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: 318-619-0056
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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.

MISSION APPEAL for CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JAGDALPUR *this weekend. Please welcome Fr. Kurain Zachariah.*

Registration is NOW DUE!! Begins September 3, 2025

**FAITH FORMATION GRADES PRE-K - 5,
JR. HIGH YOUTH GRADES 6th, 7th, 8th,
CONFIRMATION 11TH GRADERS**

please go to our website www.strita.org and register your child!!

**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 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

Monday, August 18

8:00 -Mass for Luddy Labbe'

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 -Mass for Mary Lee Lazarone

Thursday, August 21

8:00 -Mass for Gerald A. Robichaux, Sr.

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

10:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson (Lexington House)

Friday, August 22

8:00 -Mass for O'dell Carlino, Vivian Johnson, Donald Lachney, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Kathy Fryer Thomas, Zachary Veillon, Intention of Kitty Michiels, Intention of the Veillon family

Saturday, August 23

4:00 -Mass for Sherman Cook, Bridget Legendre Darlington, Melba Ducote Dutton, Frances Finney, Toni Lynn Hogue, Weston C. & Vivian Johnson, Jr., Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Warren Moreau, Michael Perry, Jr., Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer, Intention of George & Lisa Hardy

Sunday, August 24

8:00 -Mass for Walter Vanderlick

9:30 -Mass for the Verzwylvelt Family

11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)

12:30 -Spanish Mass for Hilton & Mable Vead

5:30 -Mass for Lela Bordelon

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Gerald A. Robichaux, Sr., on his birthday by his 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 were provided in memory of Jack Greene by Martha Kay Gleason and family; and Gerald A. Robichaux, Sr., by his 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 Betty Wilmore. 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: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1b-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30 Catechism 1776-1785

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

Regular Collection	
Sunday Gifts week of August 10	\$ 23,864.50
Online & EFT Gifts August 10	\$ 8,951.89
Contributions August 10	\$ 32,816.39
BLDG/Main Fund August	\$ 550.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT August	\$ 245.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal****St. Rita 2025 Goal:** \$ 95,023.00**Pledged to date:** \$ 96,342.50**Paid to date:** \$ 87,004.43**OVER OUR GOAL!!!** \$ 1,319.50**Thank you for your support of the ADA!!** - Fr. Raj

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Lee Cargle, Sr.

OUR SICK: Greg Beavers, Mary Mangino, Curtis Meaux, Herman Scallan, Jr.,

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Clifton Babineaux, Pierce Babineaux, Heyman Bohrer, Phillip Brouillette, Shirley Hebert, Dorothy Hill, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Janice Lachney, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, Paul Socia, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, 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, Betty Gauthier, Linda Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzalez, Christy Goutee, Helen Harrod, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Gerald Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Georgine Lauve, Lewis Lauve, Marvin Lee, Joseph Longo, Zadia 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, 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.

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.

MISSION APPEAL for CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JAGDALPUR: Please welcome Fr. Kurain Zachariah this weekend at all Masses for this Mission Appeal. We will have a second collection this weekend for the Mission, please be generous to this appeal.

WOMAN'S ACTS TEAM COMMISSIONING at the 11:00 Mass this weekend.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY (OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or joining the Catholic Church? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA is also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. We are glad to work within your schedule and help you in any way to become a Catholic. Come and talk to us. For more information, call the church office. Classes begin Thursday, September 15 at 5:30 PM in the Moreau Room. – *Jerry & Gwen Deville*

ADULT CHOIR rehearsal has been moved to Wednesday evenings, 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the choir room, beginning on Wednesday, September 3 for all returning and any new members who are interested in joining the adult choir. We will have a choir party for all returning and new choir members on Wednesday, August 27 at 6:00 PM at the priests residence. Call church office 445-7120 for address and gate code.

– *Thomas Robichaux, Music Director*

ST. RITA CHORISTERS initial gathering to sign up for students in grades 2nd to 6th on Wednesday, September 3rd from 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room in the Holy Family Center. If you would like more information, contact our Music Director, Thomas Robichaux at thomasrobichaux@bellsouth.net.

YOUTH CHOIR initial gathering to sign up for students in grades 7th - 12th on Wednesday, September 3rd from 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room in the Holy Family Center. If you would like more information, contact our Music Director, Thomas Robichaux at thomasrobichaux@bellsouth.net.

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 **13** 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.

'WHEN YOU PRAY' is a series exploring the riches of the Catholic tradition of prayer. The program consist of 7 lessons with videos filmed on location in Italy. The first session begins on Monday, September 8th with the final session on Monday, November 3rd. Meetings will be at 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Holy Family Center. There is no cost to attend the program. To register please contact Jerry Deville at 318-447-7006 or email jdev3943@gmail.com or Gwen Deville at 318-446-3044 or email gdev0088@gmail.com. DEADLINE to register is August 24, 2025.

TASTE OF ST. RITA has been cancelled, due to lack of ticket sales. If you purchased a ticket, drop by the office to get your refund.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE has a new phone number, 318-619-0056. Store hours are Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

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.

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

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.**