

St. Rita Catholic Church

August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second 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: 318-445-7120; FAX: 318-448-0704

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St. Rita

CATHOLIC CHURCH

the hands and heart of Christ



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St. Rita Website

Dial Direct to Extensions: 318-445-7141

Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., Pastor (ext 212)

Rev. Joshua Burch, Associate Pastor (ext 211)

Deacon Kenny Sayes, Permanent Deacon (318-451-4555)

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, 318-445-7141 ext 214

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Contact Debbie Brown, 318-445-7141 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.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Please pray for all workers and those who are unemployed...

FAITH FORMATION PRE-K - 5TH & 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM & 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

begins this week, Wednesday, September 3rd, 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

begin this Wednesday, September 3rd, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

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 30

4:00 -Mass for Kaleb Clark, James F. Curley, Sr., Mary Erin Curley, Susan Chicola Davis, Judge Robert Jackson, Freddie Lavespere, Michael Marchand, Natalie Mendel,

Norm Olson, Michael Perry, Jr., Michael Robichaux, Zachary Veillon, Wooley Family

Sunday, August 31

8:00 -Mass for Nathan Ducote

9:30 -Mass for Irving Douzart

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

12:30 -Spanish Mass for Sylvia Toves

5:30 -Mass for Delores Distefano

Monday, September 1

8:00 -Mass for Joan Andries

Tuesday, September 2

8:00 -Mass for Mickey Faraldo

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

Wednesday, September 3

- 8:00 -Mass for Warren Moreau
- 4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
- 6:00 -Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th (Church Foyer)
- 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group (HFC)
- 11th Grade Confirmation (Church)
- 6:00 -Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 4

- 8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelino Cortello
- 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
- 10:00 -Mass for Edwin Crouch (Lexington House)

Friday, September 5

- 8:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Loretta Bohrer, Gerald Leglue, Marvin & Frances Finney, Donald Lachney, Gerald Leglue, Parker Leglue, Zachary Veillon, Intention of the Veillon family

Saturday, September 6

- 4:00 -Mass for Sherman Cook, Bridget Legendre Darlington, Melba Ducote Dutton, Frances Finney, Duane G. Fruge, Brenda Welch Gremillion, Kayla Lemoine James, Vivian Johnson, Jr., Rebecca Fruge Lachney, Warren Moreau, Michael Perry, Jr., Gerald A. & Mary Lee Robichaux, Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer, Intention of George & Lisa Hardy

Sunday, September 7

- 8:00 -Mass for Norm Olson
- 9:30 -Mass for the Charlene Beurlet
- 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

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of John Duplan by Linda Duplan. 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 Lillie Elmer Bamber by Martha Kay Gleason; and Frances Finney by her family. 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 Willie Voohries. 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 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33 Catechism 1720-1724

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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week’s menu: Baked Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team and Servers this week is KC Council #1134.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Sunday Gifts week of August 24	\$ 14,973.80
Online & EFT Gifts August 24	\$ 2,948.00
Contributions August 24	\$ 17,921.80
Mission--Diocese of Jagdalpur	\$ 11,840.00
BLDG/Main Fund August	\$ 852.50
BLDG/Main Online & EFT August	\$ 660.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Brandon Ashley, Heyman Bohrer, James Manuel, Judy McClaran, Curtis Meaux, Beverly Mitchell, Wanda Williams

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Greg Beavers, Phillip Brouillette, Shirley Hebert, Dorothy Hill, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Janice Lachney, Paul Medica, Jr., Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, Helen Schexnaider, Paul Socia, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Patti Williams

OUR SHUT- INS: Clifton Babineaux, 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, Betty Gauthier, Linda Gauthier, Muriel Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzaque, Christy Goutee, Helen Harrod, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Gerald Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Georgine Lauve, Lewis Lauve, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Joseph Longo, Zadie Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Sam Medica, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Cleta Perry, Billie Phillips, Lee Procel, Willis Rabalais, JoAnn Rachall, 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, StaffSFC 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 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for the Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 1st .

BLESSED MOTHER’S BIRTHDAY is next Monday, September 8, we will celebrate after the 8:00 Mass with donuts, cupcakes and coffee in the church foyer. Please join us!

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.

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.

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. For more information, call the church office. Classes begin Thursday, September 25 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.

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 6 bricks left and the bricks are \$125 each. To order your brick call the church office at 445-7120, or stop by the office in the church foyer. For more information call, 318-445-7120.

'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.

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.

GENESIS OF EVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2025: Join us downtown at the Alexandria at the Randolph Riverfront Center for a conference weekend be full of opportunities to listen and encounter, as women of all ages gather to expand their community and deepen their personal relationship with Christ. The conference is open to women of all faiths, ages 18 and older. All meals for the weekend are included with ticket purchase. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.genesisofeve.com

WIDOWED, SEPARATED or DIVORCED? Don't know where to turn? Struggling with grief or loss? Beginning Experience of Alexandria is registering now for a weekend away that provides an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. **The weekend will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center - Pineville, LA on September 12 - 14, 2025.** The cost is \$185.00 which includes two nights' lodging and meals, if you need assistance please don't hesitate to ask. For more info the website is: www.beginningexperience.org or to register contact: Anna at (318) 448-1990 or (318) 452-2678 asweat7@aol.com