St. Rita Catholic Church

September 21, 2025
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4401 Bayou Rapides Road
Alexandria, LA 71303
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Closed on Fridays

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Download our parish app by visiting myparish on your Smart Phone's app store.

Code QR for OnLine Giving St. Rita Website

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Rev. Anthony Dharmaraj, MSFS., *Pastor* (ext 212)
Rev. Joshua Burch, *Associate Pastor* (ext 211)
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Mrs. Courtney Brinkman, *Director of Youth Religious Education* (ext 217)
Miss Sophia Scully, *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.

FAREWELL & BEST WISHES
Fr. Joshua, We will miss you!!!
Join us at the Volunteer Luncheon to wish Fr. Joshua farewell.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2025 Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass
"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope"

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON
this Sunday, September 21 the 11:00 Mass in the Holy Family Center

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Monday, September 22, 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, September 20
4:00 -Mass for Brent Bordelon, Sr., Jakamiah B. Cezar, Kaleb Clark, Mary Erin Curley, Weston C. Johnson, Jr., and Vivian Johnson, Freddie Lavespere, Natalie Mendel, Wally Metrejean, Norm Olson, Michael Perry, Jr., Michael Robichaux, Tyler Thiels

Sunday, September 21
8:00 -Mass for Warren & Eula Moreau, Parker Leglue
9:30 -Mass for the Frank & Angelina Cortello

11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:00 -Volunteer Luncheon & Farewell to Fr. Joshua
12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
5:30 -Mass for Michael Laborde
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

Monday, September 22
8:00 -Mass for Norm Olson
6:00 -Adoration & Benediction (Church)

Tuesday, September 23
8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
6:00 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, September 24
8:00 -Mass for Rev. Joe Haushber
4:30 -Choristers (Choir Room)
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)

Thursday, September 25
8:00 -Mass for Kayla Lemoine James
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
10:00 -Mass for Edwin Crouch (Lexington House)
5:30 -OCIA (Moreau Room)

Friday, September 26
8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson, Bessie LeJeune, Michael Robichaux, Sid Rud, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker, Intention of the Veillon Family

Saturday, September 27
4:00 -Mass for James F. Curley, Sr., Bridget Legendre Darlington, Diane C. Fruge, Judge Robert Jackson, Vivian Johnson, Donald Lachney, Rebecca Fruge Lachney, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Shawn Mathews, Warren Moreau, Michael Robichaux, Wooley Family

Sunday, September 28
8:00 -Mass for Nathan Ducote
9:30 -Mass for the intention of George & Lisa Hardy
11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased members of the Spanish Community
5:30 -Mass for Delores Distefano
6;30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS were provided in memory of Leo & Katherine Kerne by Jerry & Kiki Patton. 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 Peggy Marcotte by her children Michael Marcotte & Alissa Brasseux; and Michael Robichaux by his 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 Barbara Fruge. 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: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31 Catechism 2437-2442

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: Meat Sauce, Spaghetti, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Tea. Cost is $6.00 for dine in or take out. ***Cook Team;*** Rae Hair, Diana Basco, Alan & Brenda Daenen, Rodney Feazell, Jeri Forbis, Gerard Labbe, Mike & Marlene Sawrie, Benny Vandersypen, Carl & Cheryl Verzwyvelt. ***Servers are;*** Mike & Barbara Barham, Lisa Labbe, Michael Wynn.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Sunday Gifts week of September 14	**$ 15,938.50**
Online & EFT Gifts September 14	**$ 3,272.00**
Once a Year Contributions	**$ 11,500.00**
Contributions September 14	**$ 30,710.50**
BLDG/Main Fund September	**$ 1,391.00**
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Sept	**$ 170.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK:, Brandon Ashley, Beth Beaubouef, Angie Carlino, Bruce Hirsch, James Manuel, Curtis Meaux, Barbara Trotter, Joe Velotta

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Greg Beavers, Phillip Brouillette, Shirley Hebert, Dorothy Hill, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, Judy McClaran, Paul Medica, Jr., Beverly Mitchell, Cynthia Parker, Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, Helen Schexnaider, Paul Socia, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Patti Williams, Wanda 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, 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, Muriel Gauthier, Celia Gilmore, Irma Gonzaque, Christy Goutee, Helen Harrod, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Gerald Lachney, Harry Lachney, Opal 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, Staff SFC Robert Crawford, Lance Cpl. Amy Fogleman, Lt. Col. Mike Frazier, Am1 Michael John, 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, Cdr Claire Marie Vidrine. 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.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioners, William and Cynthia Saunders. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

FAREWELL FR. JOSHUA: Please join us this Sunday at the Volunteer Luncheon as we bid Fr. Joshua best wishes on his new assignment. Fr. Joshua is being transferred to Moreauville to assist Fr. Seiler with parish and school duties. We wish you the best and we will miss you!!! *–Fr. Raj & Staff*

WE WELCOME FR. JOSEPH XAVIER as the new Parochial Vicar of St. Rita. His assignment begins on Monday, September 22. Fr. Joseph welcome to St. Rita. *–Fr. Raj*

"WHEN YOU PRAY" bible study will not meet this Monday due to Adoration in the Church.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retired priests must be adjusted periodically as well. We appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and ask that you remember them in your prayers. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet, or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in the collection basket.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA: Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over hundreds of individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet, or a pew envelope clearly marked and drop in the collection basket. To learn more visit www.cccenla.org

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2025: "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope", 1 Peter 3:15, which calls people to share their faith with gentleness and respect will be celebrated this Sunday, September 21. We invite and encourage all Faith Formation Teachers and aides, Confirmation team, Youth Ministry team, Bible Study, Adult Education facilitators, and the OCIA team to be present for a commissioning at the 11:00 AM Mass. We thank you for the great ministry you provide to our parish!

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. For more information, call the church office. Classes begin Thursday, September 25 at 5:30 PM in the Moreau Room.

– Jerry & Gwen Deville

ST. RITA WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT: St. Rita ACTS Women's Retreat, to be held November 13-16 at Maryhill Renewal Center. For more information please email to stritaacts@outlook.com or contact Amy Yarbrough 318-542-9386, Heather Johnson 318-290-4354 or Marie Wilson 318-419-3223.

KC COUNCIL #1134 GUN RAFFLE: 30 Day Gun Give A Way: $30 per ticket, ticket good for the entire month. Rifles, Shotguns, Pistols, etc.... Winner determined by "Pick 3" drawing every day during the month of December, except Christmas Day. ***Tickets can be purchased at the church office or from any KC Council #1134 member.*** For more information contact call, David (481-0046) or Al (201-0191).

ST. RITA FALL FESTIVAL 2025

Saturday, October 25
& Sunday, October 26

Donations are needed for our SILENT AUCTION such as furniture, antiques, collectibles, etc.....
And for BINGO donations of new household items, toys, etc.....
Your donations may be dropped off at the MAINTENANCE SHOP located behind the Holy Family Center between the hours of 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday - Thursday ONLY.

Contact Debbie Brown, 445-7141 ext 214 for further information.