

St. Rita Catholic Church



October 5, 2025
Twenty-Seventh 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. Joseph Vincent Vethamanicka, 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)
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. Joe

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 3:55, or 15 minutes before any Mass or by appointment.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

this Sunday, 4:00 PM in the St. Rita Prayer Garden



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, October 4

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlot, Shirley Brouillette, Odell Carlino, Kaleb Clark, Vivian Johnson, Freddie Lavespere, Natalie Mendel, Michael Perry, Jr., Gerald & Mary Lee Robichaux, Sr., Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer, Walter Vanderlick

Sunday, October 5

8:00 -Mass for Peter Scalfano
9:30 -Mass for the Brenda Welch Gremillion
11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
4:00 -Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard)
5:30 -Mass for Mickey Faraldo

6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

Monday, October 6

8:00 -Mass for Amy Prestridge
6:00 -"When You Pray" Bible Study (HFC)

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
10:00 -Mass for Edwin Crouch (Lexington House)
6:00 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 -Mass for Michael Robichaux
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, October 9

8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
5:30 -OCIA (Moreau Room)

Friday, October 10

8:00 -Mass for Frances Finney, Michael Laborde, Helen Mathews, Sid Rud, Kevin Thiels, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker, Intention of the Veillon Family

Saturday, October 11

4:00 -Mass for Shirley Brouillette, James F. Curley, Sr., Mary Erin Curley, Bridget Legendre Darlington, Bob & Leah Leonard, Michael Marchand, Wally Metrejean, Warren Moreau, Norm Olson, Michael Perry, Jr., Michael Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette, Wooley Family

Sunday, October 12

8:00 -Mass for Howard & Sadie Jean Shores

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 all living & deceased members of the Spanish Community

5:30 -Mass for Ardoin Family

6:30 -NO High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS: 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 T.D. & Amy Prestridge 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 Edwin Crouch. 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: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19 Catechism 2637-2643

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: Hot Tamales, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. **Cook Team and Servers this week are the Spanish Community.**

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

| <i>Regular Collection</i> | |
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| Sunday Gifts week of September 28 | \$ 16,179.16 |
| Online & EFT Gifts September 28 | \$ 3,047.00 |
| Contributions September 28 | \$ 19,226.16 |
| BLDG/Main Fund September | \$ 1,778.00 |
| BLDG/Main Online & EFT Sept | \$ 520.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Peggy Guillory, Curtis Meaux, Russell Michiels, Gene Prevot, Joe Velotta

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Brandon Ashley, Pierce Babineaux, Beth Beaubouef, Greg Beavers, Phillip Brouillette, Angie Carlino, Shirley Hebert, Patrick Laborde, Geraldine Lacaze, James Manuel, Paul Medica, Jr., Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Barbara Trotter

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, Betty 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, 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, Jennifer Odom, Clea 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, CW1 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR POLICE OFFICERS & FIRST RESPONDERS: If you have members of your family who have are active duty Police Officer or First Responders, please call 445-7141 ext 214. or e-mail us at dbrown@strita.org. Please keep all Police Officers & First Responders in your prayers.

WELCOME TO St. Rita Parish, new parishioners, Rachel Voinche; Purujit and Jessica Ringo-Gurjar and their family. Please join us in welcoming them to our parish family.

"WHEN YOU PRAY" is a series exploring the riches of the Catholic tradition of prayer. They meet on Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center.

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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS on Sunday, October 5 at 4:00 PM in the St. Rita Prayer Garden.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been placed in the church foyer on the podium under the TV for you to enroll the names of your beloved deceased. (*If you have enrolled their names in past years, there is no need to re-enroll!*) These will be remembered at our **All Souls Day Masses** and throughout the month of November.

NEED ALTAR SERVERS at all Masses. If you have a child in the 3rd grade and up, who would like to be an altar server, please call Deacon Kenny Sayes at 451-4555.

ST. RITA VOLUNTEERS needed at MANNA HOUSE the first Tuesday of every month, beginning at 10:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer, please call 318-445-9053 or email cenlamannahouse@gmail.com Please consider volunteering at the Manna House.

LEGACY BRICKS in the St. Rita Prayer Garden have been installed. If you purchased a brick this past summer, your brick is located behind the bench on the left, by the Blessed Mother Statue.

FORMED, FORMING CATHOLICS FOR LIFE: Join our parish subscription of FORMED!! Go to Formed.org/signup and enter our parish zipcode (71303) and name of our parish (St. Rita) then enter your name and email. There is no charge for you to join. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies documentaries and studies..there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY will be held on Saturday, October 11, at 12:00 noon in front of the St. Joseph Center on Coliseum Blvd. We will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us as we pray the rosary. For more information please call Al Peychaud, 623-4733-Myrtis Peychaud, 704-1912.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, October 9th at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.
– Gina Lachney, President

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE now has a new Face Book page. Like their page **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Alexandria La** to see what they have to offer.

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).

TRUNK OR TREAT during our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25, 5:30 - 6:30 PM behind the office. If you would like to participate with your trunk decorated, please contact Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 215 or cbinkman@strita.org. We will provide the candy.

ST. RITA FALL FESTIVAL 2025

Saturday, October 25
& Sunday, October 26

We are collecting items for our **SILENT AUCTION** such as small furniture, antiques, collectibles, etc.....

Your **SILENT AUCTION** 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.** Drop off the items in front of the garage door of the shop.

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING
THE FOLLOWING:

Halloween Candy for Trunk or Treat
SMALL NEW household items for Bingo.
Pecans, Jams, Jellies, Preserves etc....
These small items can be dropped off at the office or left in the Sacristy after any Mass.

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