

St. Rita Catholic Church

October 12, 2025
Twenty-Eighth 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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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.

2025 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

*pickup your bottle after all Masses this weekend
see back of bulletin for details*

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 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)

Monday, October 13

8:00 -Mass Vivian Johnson
6:00 -"When You Pray" Bible Study (HFC)

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 -Mass for Michael Laborde
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
10:00 -Mass for Brenda Gremillion (Lexington House)
6:00 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello
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 16

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

Friday, October 17

8:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Judge Robert Jackson, Kayla Lemoine James, Bessie LeJeune, Vivian Johnson, Zachary Veillon, Intention of the Veillon Family

Saturday, October 18

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Odell Carlino, Kaleb Clark, Stanley Gene Desselle, Vivian Johnson, Weston C. Johnson, Jr., Donald Lachney, Freddie Lavespere, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Natalie Mendel, Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer

Sunday, October 19

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello

9:30 -Mass for the Al Schexnaider

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
-Confirmation Rite of Acceptance

6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are donated in memory of Kaleb Clark on his birthday by Nelda Lavespere. 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 Earleen Baillio by Bobby Baillio; and Sherry Ann Bamber by Martha Kay Gleason. 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 Heyman Bohrer. 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: 144: 2 Kgs 5:14-17
Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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: Pulled Pork, Dirty Rice, Coleslaw, Roll, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. **Cook Team and Servers this week are KC Council #1134.**



PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

Regular Collection	
Sunday Gifts week of October 5	\$ 18,930.00
Online & EFT Gifts October 5	\$ 4,367.00
Contributions October 5	\$ 23,297.00
BLDG/Main Fund October	\$ 715.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Oct	\$ 30.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Clifton Babineaux, Nap Brouillette, Joy Gauthier, Peggy Guillory, Curtis Meaux, Russell Michiels

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, Joe Velotta

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 Gonzague, Christy Goutee, Peggy Guillory, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Gerald Lachney, Harry Lachney, Opal Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Georgine Lauve, Lewis Lauve, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Joseph Longo, Zadia Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Sam Medica, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Jennifer Odom, 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, 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.

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.

“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

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.

CONFIRMATION RITE OF ACCEPTANCE for all Confirmation students next Sunday at the 5:30 PM Mass.
– Courtney Brinkman

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.

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.

PILGRIMS PASSPORT BOOKS: In appreciation of your participation in this year's Jubilee pilgrimage, Bishop Marshall would like to send you a certificate of completion. After completing your Pilgrimage, follow the instructions inside the back cover of the Passport to receive your certificate. ***Please do not bring or leave your Passport book at the church office***

SUNDAY BREAKFAST next Sunday, October 19 after the 8:00 & 9:30 AM Mass in the Holy Family Center. Prepared and served by KC Council #1134.

SENIOR HALLOWEEN POTLUCK & BINGO will be held on Thursday, October 30th, in the Holy Family Center from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring your favorite **Pot Luck**, we will provide the meat and drinks.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT BISHOP DESMOND will meet on Thursday, October 16TH at 5:00 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. –Marilyn Price, Regent

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

NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP this Sunday, October 12.
– Sophia Scully, Youth Minister

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 217 or cbrinkman@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.