

St. Rita Catholic Church

October 19, 2025
Twenty-Ninth 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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St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ



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

Bottles are due back this weekend

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

after the 8:00 & 9:30 Mass this Sunday

KC COUNCIL #1134 GUN RAFFLE TICKETS

available this weekend at all Masses in church foyer

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 18

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlot, 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
8:30 -Sunday Breakfast (HFC)
9:30 -Mass for the Al Schexnaider
10:30 -Sunday Breakfas (HFC)
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
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

Monday, October 20

8:00 -Mass Kaleb Clark
6:00 -"When You Pray" Bible Study (HFC)

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson
8:30 -NO Breakfast Club (HFC)
10:00 -Mass for Sylvia Toves (Lexington House)

- 5:15 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Wednesday, October 22
 8:00 -Mass for Reverend Joe Haushber
 4:30 -**NO** Choristers (Choir Room)
 4:30 -**NO** Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
 6:00 -**NO** Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th (Church Foyer)
 -**NO** 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group (HFC)
 -**NO** 11th Grade Confirmation (Church)

Thursday, October 23

- 8:00 -Mass for Sister Marlene Labbe'
 8:30 -**NO** Breakfast Club (HFC)
 5:30 -OCIA (Moreau Room)

Friday, October 24

- 8:00 -Mass for Joan Andries, Katherine Brame, Michael Robichaux, Sid Rud, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker, Intention of the Veillon family

Saturday, October 25

- 4:00 -Mass for Lee Cargle, Sr., James F. Curley, Sr., Mary Erin Curley, Duane Fruge, Vivian Johnson, Michael Laborde, Janice Lachney, Rebecca Fruge Lachney, Michael Marchand, Warren Moreau, Michael Perry Jr., Michael Robichaux

4:00 -Fall Fair Auction & Sweet Shoppe opens

4:30 -Fall Fair Gumbo & Concessions

5:00 -Fall Fair Costume Contest ages 0 - 10

5:30 -Trunk or Treat until 5:30 - 6:30 PM

5:45 -Fall Fair Bingo 5:45 - 9:00 PM

Sunday, October 26

- 8:00 -Mass for Brent Bordelon, Sr.
8:00 -Fall Fair Sweet Shoppe & Silent Auction opens
 9:30 -Mass for the Michael Boatner
 11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
 -Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Fall Fair Silent Auction ends
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for the Spanish Community
 5:30 -Mass for Hilton & Mable Vead
 6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were provided in honor of the Ellers & Pentz Wedding. 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 Janice Lachney by MHS class of 1970; and Michael Perry, Jr., 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 Janice Lachney. 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: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 2Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14 Catechism 2683-2691

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.

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL October 22, due to the Fall Festival.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of October 12	\$ 17,537.50
Online & EFT Gifts October 12	\$ 3,383.89
Contributions October 12	\$ 20,921.39
BLDG/Main Fund October	\$ 805.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Oct	\$ 195.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Monique Auzine, Clifton Babineaux, Nap Brouillette, Theresa Deselle, Jesse Fisher, Joy Gauthier, 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, 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, Irma Gonzaque, 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, Zadie Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Sam Medica, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Jennifer Odom, Clela Perry, Billie Phillips, 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, 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: EMT Mason Cohenour. If you have members of your family who have 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION: This year's theme of World Mission Sunday (WMS) is Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples – was chosen by Pope Francis before his death and is tied to the Jubilee of Hope. We are inviting Catholics across the United States to reflect on the work of the Church in Vietnam, where the faith, tested by persecution and poverty, shines with extraordinary vitality and joy. Pope Leo XIV, having spent much of his priestly life as a missionary in Peru, knows from personal experience how essential WMS is to the Church's missionary work and how central the generosity of American Catholics is to that overall prayerful and financial support. You may use the envelope in your monthly packet or a pew envelope marked and drop in the collection basket. Please be generous to this collection.

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.

3RD QUARTER CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS were emailed and mailed this week. If you did not receive your statement, please call Etta Ohrt at 445-7141 ext 210.

ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT PRAYER WHEEL: Please consider supporting our women's ACTS team with your prayers. Anyone can sign up. We are hoping each hour of our retreat will be covered in prayer. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a particular time to pray for the team as well as those on their 1st retreat! The prayer wheel is set up in the church Foyer from this weekend until November 13th. We would like to thank you for your support!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST this 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.

CHORISTER CHOIR for students in grades 2nd through 8th meet EVERY OTHER Wednesday, from 4:45 - 5:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room. **The next meeting is Wednesday, November 5th.** For more information, contact Thomas Robichaux at thomasrobichaux@gmail.com.

ADULT CHOIR meets every Tuesday at 5:15 in the St. Cecilia room. Please join us if you would like to join us. For more information, contact Thomas Robichaux at thomasrobichaux@gmail.com.

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 after all Masses this weekend in the church foyer.** 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.

TAMALE FUND RAISER sponsored by the Hispanic Community. Orders due by November 18, 2024, see bulletin insert for order form. Order forms are also located on the round table in the foyer.

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.