

St. Rita Catholic Church

October 26, 2025
Thirtieth 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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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.

ST. RITA FALL FESTIVAL

this weekend, check out back of bulletin for schedule of events

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Monday, October 27th 6:00 PM

SENIOR POTLUCK & BINGO

Thursday, October 30th, 11:00 - 1:00 in Holy Family Center

ROOTED SESSION 5 - SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

Saturday, November 1 – Register online at www.strita.org

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 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 -NO High School Youth Group (HFC)

Monday, October 27

- 8:00 -Mass Donald Lachney
- 6:00 -Adoration & Benediction (Church)

Tuesday, October 28

- 8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson
- 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
- 10:00 -Mass for Annette Merritt (Lexington House)
- 5:15 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, October 29

- 8:00 -Mass for Michael Robichaux
- 4:30 -NO 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 30

- 8:00 -Mass for Norm Olson
- 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
- 11:00 -Senior Halloween Luncheon & Bingo (HFC)
- 5:30 -OCIA (Moreau Room)

Friday, October 31

- 8:00 -Mass for Odell Carlino, Frank & Angelina Cartello, Judge Robert Jackson, Vivian Johnson, Michael Laborde, Zachary Veillon, Intention of the Veillon family

Saturday, November 1

- 4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Kaleb Clark, Bridget Legendre Darlington Toni Lynn Hogue, Freddie Lavespere, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Natalie Mendel, Wally Metrejean, Norm Olson, Michael Robichaux, Jimmy Snow, Raymond Villmarette, Wooley Family

Sunday, November 2

- 8:00 -Mass for Peter Scalfano
- 9:30 -Mass for 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
- 5:30 -Mass for Sylvia Toves
- 6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were provided in memory of Leo Dobard by Denise Dobard. 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 Delores Distefano by Richard & Merrilyn Norem; and Anne & F. Hugh Coughlin 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 Helen Harrod. 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: 667:Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

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: Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team and Servers this week are the Altar Society. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of October 19	\$ 15,448.50
Online & EFT Gifts October 19	\$ 10,697.00
Contributions October 19	\$ 26,145.50
BLDG/Main Fund October	\$ 865.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Oct	\$ 560.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Monique Auzine, Clifton Babineaux, Nap Brouillette, Margaret Distefano, 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, Zadi Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Sam Medica, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Jennifer Odom, Cleta 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, 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: EMT Mason Cohenour. 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.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, November 3rd at 12:00 noon in the Moreau room.

"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.

ALL SAINTS DAY is Saturday, November 1 and is NOT Holy Day of Obligation this year.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION on Monday, October 27, 6:00 PM. All are invited to join us.

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.

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.

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!

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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.

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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).

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.