

# St. Rita Catholic Church

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed  
All Soul's Day

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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**Deacon Kenny Sayes, Permanent Deacon** (318-451-4555)

**Mrs. Debbie Brown, Parish Manager** (ext 214)

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**Miss Sophia Scully, Director of Youth Ministries** (318-542-8818)

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**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.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!

*Don't forget to "fall back" this Saturday night!*

## TAMALE FUND RAISER

*order forms are due Tuesday, November 18!*

**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](http://www.strita.org). You can also view all our Live Streamed Masses anytime on our website, [www.strita.org](http://www.strita.org).**

### Saturday, November 1

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlot, Shirley Brouillette, 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)

### Monday, November 3

8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson  
6:00 -"When We Pray" Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 4

8:00 -Mass for Raymond Ewing  
8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)  
10:00 -Mass for Edna Rabalais (Lexington House)  
5:15 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Wednesday, November 5

8:00 -Mass for Hilton & Mable Vead  
4:30 -Choristers (Choir Room)  
4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)  
6:00 -Faith Formation Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> (Church Foyer)  
-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group (HFC)  
-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Church)

### Thursday, November 6

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

### Friday, November 7

8:00 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello, Mickey Faraldo,

Vivian Johnson, Michael Robichaux, Sid Rud, Janet Thiels, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker

### **Saturday, November 8**

4:00 -Mass for Odell Carlino, Mary Erin Curley, Frances Finney, Kayla Lemoine James, Vivian Johnson, Michael Laborde, Bessie LeJeune, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Warren Moreau, Michael Perry Jr., Michael Robichaux, Steve Stolzer

### **Sunday, November 9**

8:00 -Mass for Joan Andries  
9:30 -Mass for the Paul & Peggy Marcotte  
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 the Ardoin Family  
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week were provided in memory of Michael Gerald Robichaux on his birthday by Larry & Wanda Hinton. 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 Michael Perry, Jr., by his family; 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 Geraldine Lacaze. 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:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

**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: 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Holy Family Center, this week's menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Salad, Roll, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team this week is Katherine Beard, Alan & Brenda Daenen, Earline Pentecost, Heather Reynaud, Mike & Marlene Sawrie, Harry & Mary Vermaelen, Carl & Cheryl Verzwylt. Servers are Cindy Campbell, Joan Connella, Lena Connella, Chris Everett, Paula Newton,

Greta Roaix, Anna Sweat and Linda Vidrine. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

### **OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday Gifts week of October 26</b>	<b>\$ 15,312.00</b>
<b>Online &amp; EFT Gifts October 26</b>	<b>\$ 2,829.00</b>
<b>Yearly Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions October 26</b>	<b>\$ 30,141.00</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Fund October</b>	<b>\$ 1,332.60</b>
<b>BLDG/Main Online &amp; EFT Oct</b>	<b>\$ 585.00</b>

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:** Geraldine Lacaze

**OUR SICK:** Monique Auzine, Clifton Babineaux, Margaret Distefano, Jesse Fisher, Joy Gauthier, Curtis Meaux, Russell Michiels, Karen Schrock

**RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT:** Brandon Ashley, Pierce Babineaux, Beth Beaubouef, Phillip Brouillette, Angie Carlino, Shirley Hebert, Patrick Laborde, 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, Judy Bordelon, 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, Clea 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:dbrown@strita.org). Please keep all Police Officers & First Responders in your prayers.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon in the Moreau room.

**"WHEN YOU PRAY"** is a series exploring the riches of the Catholic tradition of prayer. This is the last session.

**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.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all the parishioners, who donated prizes, baked goods and brought candy for the Fall Festival, helping us to keep our costs down. And to ALL the volunteers who helped setup, bake cakes, worked fair, etc... it would not have been the success it was without your help, THANK YOU!!

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Belinda Guillory and Rae Hair for soliciting all the area businesses for prizes and gift cards for the Bingo, Door Prizes and Auction; the KC Council #1134 for making the gumbo/concession food; the Altar & Rosary Society for making cakes and working the Bingo and Sweet Shoppe; Janet Hirsch, Cindy Castille and the volunteers for working the Concession stand and the Catholic Daughters for working the Drink station. To the parishioners who participated in the Trunk or Treat, it was a huge success, the children loved it. Thank you for all you do for St. Rita Church!! We made a profit of \$12,180!!

**FOOD DRIVE FOR THE CENLA HOMELESS COALITION Food Pantry on Thanksgiving Day at the 8:00 AM Mass.** There will be a collection of non-perishable foods and monetary gifts for the Cenla Homeless Coalition during the offertory. For monetary gifts you may use a clearly marked pew envelope and drop in the collection basket at any time during the month of November. Baskets for food donations will be placed in the foyer of the Church the weekend before Thanksgiving. *See the bulletin insert for a list of preferred items. PLEASE do not donate any food items that are expired.*

**FAITH FORMATION THANKSGIVING MASS:** On **Wednesday, November 19** we will have our annual **Faith Formation Thanksgiving Mass at 6:00 PM in Church for all Faith formation students in grades PK-5th and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and Confirmation.** The children will assemble in the

church foyer and process in. Again this year, we would appreciate the children bringing one or more non-perishable food items or a monetary donation for the Cenla Homeless Coalition. *All food and monetary donations will go the Cenla Homeless Coalition. PLEASE do not donate any food items that are expired. We will send home a list of preferred items the week before the Mass* We invite parents and friends to join us for the Mass. The children will be dismissed immediately following the Mass from the church.  
–Courtney Brinkman

**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!

**2026 NEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS** for weekend readers are now available. Please stop in the sacristy before or after Mass and pick up your book.

**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](mailto:cenlamannahouse@gmail.com) Please consider volunteering at the Manna House.

**CHORISTER CHOIR** for students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> meet EVERY OTHER Wednesday, from 4:45 - 5:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room. *The next meeting is Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.* For more information, contact Thomas Robichaux at [thomasrobichaux@gmail.com](mailto: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 at the church office.* 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, 2025, see bulletin insert for order form. Order forms are also located on the round table in the foyer.