

St. Rita Catholic Church

November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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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 (318-542-8818)

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.



GOD BLESS ALL OUR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS

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. You can also view all our Live Streamed Masses anytime on our website, www.strita.org.

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)

Monday, November 10

8:00 -Mass for Michael Robichaux

Tuesday, November 11

8:00 -Mass for Gerald Robichaux

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

10:00 -Mass for Annette Merritt (Lexington House)

5:15 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, November 12

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, November 13

8:00 -Mass for T.D. Prestridge

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

5:30 -OCIA (Moreau Room)

Friday, November 14

8:00 -Mass for Theresa Brocato, Vivian Johnson, Michael Laborde, Amy Prestridge, Michael Robichaux, Gerard Scalfano, Kevin Thiels, Zachary Veillon

Saturday, November 15

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Kaleb Clark, James F. Curley. Sr., Bridget Legendre Darlington, Stanley Gene Desselle, Josephine Dekeyzer, Weston C. Johnson, Jr., Freddie Lavespere, Bob & Leah Leonard, Natalie Mendel, Norm Olson, Zeline Prevot, Michael Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette

Sunday, November 16

8:00 -Mass for Michael Robichaux
9:30 -Mass for Laura Longo
11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children’s Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Spanish Mass for Hilton & Mable Vead
5:30 -Mass for Frank & Angelina Cortello
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were provided in honor of the McCall-Dekeyzer 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 Earleen Baillio by Bobby Baillio; and Janice Lachney by MHS Class of 1970. 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 all deceased of the parish. 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: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12 Catechism 2729-2733

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: this week’s menu: Red Beans/Sausage, Rice, Steamed Cabbage, Cornbread, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team this week is Diana Basco, Alan & Brenda Daenen, Rae Hair, Rodney Feazell, Jeri Forbis, Gerald Labbe, Carl & Cheryl Verzwylvelt, Benny Vandersypen, Mike & Marlene Sawrie. Servers

are; Mike & Barbara Barham, Lisa Labbe and Michael Wynn. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of November 2	\$ 18,841.00
Online & EFT Gifts November 2	\$ 4,162.00
Contributions November 2	\$ 23,003.00
BLDG/Main Fund November	\$ 297.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Nov	\$ 75.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Margaret Distefano, Jesse Fisher, Curtis Meaux, Anna Martinez, Russell Michiels, Karen Schrock

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Monique Auzine, Brandon Ashley, Pierce Babineaux, Beth Beaubouef, Phillip Brouillette, 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 Gonzalez, 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, 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: Due to confidentiality and safety, we will not print their names. Please keep all Police Officers & First Responders in your prayers.



CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA (AMS):

A collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment.

To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection 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.

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 6th, 7th, & 8th 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

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY GUMBO & BINGO

on Monday, November 10 at 5:30 PM in the Holy Family Center. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.
-Gina Lachney, President

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.

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.

PRAYER BLANKETS MINISTRY: Blankets will be blessed this weekend. The blankets will be available after all Masses next weekend in the church foyer for:

- Any adult or child with a physical or emotional illness or upcoming surgery.
 - Individuals preparing for surgery or recovering from an acute illness.
 - Individuals living with chronic conditions or in treatment for a life threatening illness.
 - Anyone experiencing a crisis such as the loss of a loved one, loss of job, relationship Crisis, etc.....
 - High risk pregnancy, miscarriage or neonatal Crisis.
- For more information contact Marilyn Price at 542-8283; Heather Reynaud at 793-4011 or the church office at 445-7120.