

St. Rita Catholic Church

November 16, 2025
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4401 Bayou Rapides Road
Alexandria, LA 71303
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Closed on Fridays



St. Rita
CATHOLIC CHURCH
the hands and heart of Christ

Church Office: 318-445-7120; FAX: 318-448-0704
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St. Rita Website



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.

FAITH FORMATION THANKSGIVING MASS

*for all grades & Confirmation, Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 PM
see back of bulletin for food items needed for Cenla Homeless Coalition*

BLESSED PRAYER BLANKETS

*will be available in the church foyer after all Masses this weekend
sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond*

KC COUNCIL #1134 GUN RAFFLE SALES

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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 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)

Monday, November 17

8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson
 6:00 -ACTS Core Team Meeting (Moreau)

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 -Mass for Rev. Joe Hasibier.
 8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)
 10:00 -Mass for Sylvia Toves (Lexington House)
 5:15 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 -Mass for Al Schexnaider
 4:30 -Choristers (Choir Room)
 4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
 6:00 -Thanksgiving Mass Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th
 -Thanksgiving Mass 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group
 -Thanksgiving Mass 11th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

8:00 -Mass for Joan Andries, Helen Harrod, Judge Robert Jackson, Janice Lachney, Michael Robichaux, Sid Rud, David Voelker

Saturday, November 22

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlet, Lee Cargle, Sr., Mary Erin Curley, Duane G. Fruge, Vivian Johnson, Rebecca Fruge Lachney, Percy J. Legendre, Jr., Michael Marchand, Paul & Peggy Marcotte, Wally Metrejean, Warren Moreau, Michael Perry Jr., Michael Robichaux, Robichaux Family, Steve Stolzer

Sunday, November 23

8:00 -Mass for Roger Prevot
 9:30 -Mass for the Jessica Gutierrez
 11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
 -Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
 -Mens' ACTS Retreat Commissioning Mass
 12:30 -Spanish Mass for Sylvia Toves
 5:30 -Mass for Delores Distefano
 6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were provided in Bob Descant by the Descant Family. 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 Joan Andries by Elizabeth Holmes; 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 Barbara Wynn. 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: 16: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5
 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

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: Turkey & Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, English Peas, Roll, Dessert and Tea. Cost is \$6.00 for dine in or take out. Cook Team and Servers this week are the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus. Please join us for delicious food and fellowship!

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of November 9	\$ 15,935.00
Online & EFT Gifts November 9	\$ 9,186.89
Contributions November 9	\$ 25,121.89
BLDG/Main Fund November	\$ 297.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Nov	\$ 345.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Judy Bordelon, Curtis Meaux, Bob Martin, Anna Martinez, Russell Michiels, Karen Schrock

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Monique Auzine, Brandon Ashley, Pierce Babineaux, Beth Beaubouef, Phillip Brouillette, Margaret Distefano, Jesse Fisher, 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, Clea Perry, Billie Phillips, Willis Rabalais, JoAnn Rachal, Nanette Redman, Patsy Robinson, James Schoolcraft, Adrienne Stevens, Susan Turner, Joan Vanderlick, Anna Villemarette, Angela Williamson, Ruth Wilson, Anita Wooley

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: Due to confidentiality and safety, we will not print their names. Please keep all Police Officers & First Responders in your prayers.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION: Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. You may use the HDC 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

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 after all Masses next weekend.*

For more information contact call, David Chicola (481-0046) or Al Mathews (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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT BISHOP DESMOND meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 5:00 PM in the Holy Family Center.

PRAYER BLANKETS MINISTRY: The blankets will be available after all Masses this 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.
- This ministry is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond

For more information contact Marilyn Price at 542-8283; Heather Reynaud at 793-401.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30 PM. Come see the wide offering of academics, athletics, spiritual life activities, and extra curriculars available for your student at Holy Savior Menard. This event is open to prospective 7th - 12th grade students and parents for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact tsumrall@holysaviormenard.com for more information.

MANNA HOUSE 30 FOR 35 CHALLENGE!

For 35 years, we've been serving our community, ensuring that those facing food insecurity have access to meals, support, and hope. Now, we need YOU to help us continue this mission! We're challenging everyone to donate \$35 or raise \$35 from friends and family to support our work. Every dollar helps provide food to those in need. Here's how you can join:

Donate \$35 – Every contribution makes a difference. Spread the word – Share this post and invite others to take part! Together, we can make a HUGE impact. Are you in? Donate now: givetomannahouse.com