

St. Rita Catholic Church

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universal

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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Dial Direct to Extensions: 318-445-7141

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

Rev. Joseph Xavier 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.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS IN PEWS

Please take one per family as the parish's gift to you for Advent!

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Candlelight vigil and Eucharistic Procession

Saturday, November 22 after the 4:00 Mass

KC COUNCIL #1134 GUN RAFFLE SALES

tickets available after all Masses this weekend until we run out

TAMALE ORDER PICKUP

this Sunday, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM in Holy Family Center

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 27, 8:00 AM

*We will collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations
for the Cenla Homeless Coalition during the Offertory*

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 22

4:00 -Mass for Charlene Beurlot, 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)

Monday, November 24

8:00 -Mass for Vivian Johnson

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 -Mass for Sylvia Toves
8:30 -NO Breakfast Club (HFC)
10:00 -Mass for Hilton & Mable Vead (Lexington House)
5:15 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 -Mass for Jim Hollier
4:30 -NO Choristers (Choir Room)
4:30 -NO Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)
6:00 -NO Faith Formation Pre-K - 5th
-NO 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group
-NO Mass 11th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving

8:00 -Mass for Ellis Prevot
8:30 -NO Breakfast Club (HFC)
5:30 -NO OCIA (Moreau Room)

Friday, November 28

8:00 -Mass for Brent Bordelon, Sr., Frank & Angelina Cortello, Vivian Johnson, Michael Robichaux, John & Amie Saucier

Saturday, November 29

4:00 -Mass for Earleen Baillio, Charlene Beurlot, Lee Cargle Sr., Kaleb Clark, Bridget Legendre Darlington, Vivian Johnson, Janice Lachney, Freddie Lavespere, Bessie LeJeune, Natalie Mendel, Michael Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette

Sunday, November 30

8:00 -Mass for John & Amie Saucier
9:30 -Mass for Irvin Douzart
11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish
-Children's Church (ages 4 - 7)
12:30 -Spanish Mass for Sylvia Toves
5:30 -Mass for Michael Laborde
6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were provided in memory of Maynette Dobard & Barbara Dobard Rigby 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 & Marilyn Norem; 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 all deceased members 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: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44 Catechism 1020-1022

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 on Wednesday, November 26.

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of November 16	\$ 14,627.50
Online & EFT Gifts November 16	\$ 9,107.00
Contributions November 16	\$ 22,734.50
BLDG/Main Fund November	\$ 417.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT Nov	\$ 685.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR SICK: Meryl Beach, Judy Bordelon, Jason Chumley, Baby Brycen Foster, Curtis Meaux, Bob Martin

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, Anna Martinez, Paul Medica, Jr., Russell Michiels, Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, Edward Rachal, Karen Schrock, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart, Barbara Trotter, Joe Velotta

OUR SHUT- INS: Clifton Babineaux, Doris Lachney Billeau, 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 Gonzague, 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 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.

CHURCH OFFICE will close at noon on Tuesday, November 25th and will be closed Wednesday, November 26 through Friday November 28th for the Thanksgiving holidays.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THRIFT STORE will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 25 thru November 28.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES: Please let us know if you know of any families or seniors in our parish who are struggling and need help with Christmas. As usual we adopt families and supply them with items for Christmas. We usually adopt around 10 families. If you are a family who needs assistance, or know of a family, please contact Etta Ohrt at 318-445-7141 ext 210 or 318-613-4460. All inquires will be confidential. Deadline for contacting us is Monday, December 1.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES: As a parish family, we will adopt several families and seniors again this year. If you would like to make a donation for the families, you may do so with a pew envelope. Mark it Christmas Families and drop it in the collection basket. As always thank you in advance for your generosity.



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 back of bulletin for a list of preferred items. PLEASE do not donate any food items that are expired.

MEN'S ACTS TEAM COMMISSIONING MASS: Please welcome the Men's ACTS team at this Mass, as they are commissioned for the retreat February 26th - March 1st. Applications to attend the retreat are located on the round table in the foyer and on our website.

ST. RITA MEN'S ACTS RETREAT: Applications are now being accepted for the St. Rita ACTS Men's Retreat, to be held February 26 - March 1 at Maryhill Renewal Center.

Application forms are available on the round table in the church foyer or on the website at www.strita.org. Limited space available, deadline for applications will be December 19, so we encourage you to submit your application form as soon as possible.

For more information about the retreat, please contact one of the following, Davis Bordelon 318-321-9750, Eric Meaux, 318-290-4390 & Scott Speir 318-452-3293.

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. For more information contact call, David Chicola (481-0046) or Al Mathews (201-0191).

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND: Remember your loved ones by donating to the Christmas flower fund. A list of the donors and the names of those being remembered will be published in the January 18 bulletin. Donations for the decorating fund is **\$15**. Make checks payable to the St. Rita Altar and Rosary Society, and please include the name(s) of those to be remembered. **Please print the names on the envelope, so we can read the spelling of the names.** Money collected in the flower envelopes at Christmas and Easter is used to decorate the church at Christmas and Easter and also for flowers on the altar throughout the year. Thank you for your support!