

St. Rita Catholic Church

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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)

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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.

HAPPY EASTER!!

EASTER EGG HUNT

after the 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday

ST. RITA 6th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, April 6 at Links on the Bayou

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.

Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 4

8:00 -Lighting of fire in Courtyard (We will enter the church together. Church will be locked until we enter.)
-Mass of Vigil: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Confirmation, First Eucharist
-Mass intention for all living and deceased members of the parish

Easter Sunday, April 5

Eucharist is not present for adoration in the Chapel until after the 8:00 AM Mass

8:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish

9:30 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
10:30 -Easter Egg Hunt (Church Grounds)
11:00 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish
12:30 -Spanish Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish

5:30 -Mass for all living & deceased members of the parish

Monday, April 6

8:00 -Mass for Charlie Collins

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 -Mass for Mary Lee Robichaux

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

10:00 -Mass for the intention of Mimi Hardy (Lexington House)

5:15 -Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 -Mass for Curtis Meaux

4:30 -Wednesday Evening Meal (HFC)

6:00 -Faith Formation PreK-5, 6th, 7th, & 8th,

-11th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, April 9

8:00 -Mass for Janice Lachney

8:30 -Breakfast Club (HFC)

Friday, April 10

8:00 Mass for Geri Babin, Brent Bordelon, Sr., Erin Curley, Curtis Meaux, Sid Rud, Kevin Thiels, Zachary Veillon, David Voelker

Saturday, April 11

4:00 -Mass for Odell Carlino, Leon & Myrtis Daigre, Jerome A. & Josephine Dekeyzer, Christopher Hinton, William (Bill) Hinton, Jr., William Ralph & Violet Hinton, Sr., Richard Love, Gerald A. & Mary Lee Robichaux, Sr., Michael Gerald Robichaux, Raymond Villmarette, Claire Gremillion Weeks

Sunday, April 12, Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 -Mass for Lillian Kramer Villemez

9:30 -Mass for Heyman Bohrer

11:00 -Mass for the congregation of St. Rita Parish

-Children’s Church (ages 4 - 7)

12:30 -Spanish Mass for the intention of the Knights of Columbus Council 1134

3:00 -Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour

5:30 -Mass for the Delores Distefano

6:30 -High School Youth Group (HFC)

OUR OFFERTORY GIFTS

<i>Regular Collection</i>	
Sunday Gifts week of March 29	\$ 14,347.42
Online & EFT Gifts March 29	\$ 3,047.00
Contributions March 29	\$ 17,394.42
Lent Weekday Collection	\$ 7,324.62
BLDG/Main Fund March	\$ 1,375.00
BLDG/Main Online & EFT March	\$ 725.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. Rita Goal	\$85,423.00
Pledged to Date	\$60,839.00
Paid to Date	\$53,082.40
Still Needed	\$24,584.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are not allowed during the season of Lent. If you are interested in donating fresh flowers for the altar after Easter, call the church office at 445-7141 ext 214. *Flowers are \$100 for both arrangements.*

ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMPS were provided in loving memory of Ben & Elder Domico and Marvin & Frances Finney by Roger Finney. 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 Robin Bonnette. 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: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

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: Pulled Pork, Dirty Rice, Coleslaw, Roll, Dessert. Cook team and servers this week are the KC Council #1134.



CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, April 6.

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly his handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading. “Created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds with god prepared for us in advance.

This weekend is our parish’s 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese to support the diocesan church.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Jennifer Aguilar

OUR SICK: Brandon Ashley, Marc Belgard, Katherine Brister, Jude Geiger, Marie Pizzo, Mike Pouriau, Merl Rachal, Marlon L. Revelett, Robert Rini, Linda Sanders, Bob Sylvia

RECOVERING, CONVALESCING OR ONGOING TREATMENT: Pierce Babineaux, Larry Bordelon, Phillip Brouillette, Robert Flowers, Anthony Griffin, Shirley Hebert, Patrick Laborde, Paul Medica Jr., Caroline Pearson, Zachary Price, William Rouege, Chad Scroggs, Brad Stewart, Erica Stewart

OUR SHUT- INS: Clifton Babineaux, Mureil Beach, Doris Lachney Billeaudeau, Sadie Blakesley, Lou Blalock, Mike Blalock, Joseph “Napp” Brouillette, John Broussard, Frances Chatman, Donald Coco, Julia Cunningham, Deborah Davidson, Bettye Dekeyzer, Carolyn Dekeyzer, Joyce DeKeyzer, Pat Despino, Juanita Dodd, Elizabeth Drake, Reginald Dubroc, James Dupont, Maurice Evans, Mary Fontenot, Betty Gauthier, Muriel Gauthier, Irma Gonzalez, Christy Goutee, Peggy Guillory, Elizabeth Holmes, Patti Holmes, Martha Johnson, Gerald Lachney, Harry Lachney, Opal Lachney, Catherine Lacour, Lewis Lauve, Marvin Lee, Deanna Lemoine, Joseph Longo, Zadie Marcotte, Dot McWhorter, Sam Medica, Berl Moreau, Marilyn Naviaux, Jennifer Odom, Cleta Perry, Billie Phillips, Gayle Porto, Guy Porto, Willis Rabalais, Joan Rachal, Nanette Redman, M.L. Revelett, Patsy Robinson, M. Sellers, David Stafford, Adrienne Stevens, Susan Turner, Mary Vanderlick, Anna Villemarette, Audrey Ward, Angela Williamson, Ruth Wilson, 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.

INFIRM PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION: Your donation to the **Infirm Priests Fund** will help to replenish the fund, which provides assistance for our sick priests when illness exceeds the extent of our group health coverage limits. This is a wonderful expression of gratitude to the priests who have served you so well over the years. And please also remember them in your prayers, recalling their generosity to you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is next Sunday, April 12 and you are invited to join us at 3:00 PM in church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour. Everyone is invited to attend!

Divine Mercy 9 day Novena which begins on Good Friday can be found on as an insert in the bulletin or the round table in the church foyer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Confirmation for 11th Graders is Friday, April 17 at 6:00 PM. Practice for Confirmation is Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 PM in church.

First Communion for 2nd Graders is Saturday, April 18 at 4:00 PM Mass.

Vacation Bible School is June 8 - 12, 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Courtney Brinkman at 445-7141 ext 215.

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL: Answer the call to prayer by signing up for one hour of Adoration using the parish's new scheduling website. Eucharistic Adoration gives us the opportunity to keep watch with Our Lord, honoring His sacrament. To sign up visit the website at <https://adorationpro.org/ritaalexandria> See the bulletin insert for more details.

EASTER FLOWER FUND: It's not too late to remember your loved ones by donating to the Easter flower fund. A list of the donors and names of those to be remembered will be published the Sunday after Easter. Easter flowers are **\$15**; make checks payable to St. Rita Altar and Rosary Society. You may use the in your monthly packet or an Easter Flower envelope located in the hymnal racks and drop it in the collection basket.

ST. RITA FAMILY DAY AT MARYHILL on Saturday, May 30th, 1:00 PM. Join us for games, food, and fellowship. Fun for everyone all ages! All are welcome, please join us!!

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 Please consider volunteering at the Manna House.

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