



SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEW ORLEANS

A Welcoming Community of Faith



Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38



Mass Schedule

Mon-Fri: 7:00am
Sat: 8:00am
4:00pm (Sunday vigil)
Sun: 7:00am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Mon-Fri: 6:30am
Wed: 5pm
Sat: 7:30am & 3:00pm
Sun: 4:00pm
or upon request

Adoration

Mon-Fri:
6:00am-6:55am
Mon-Thu:
6:00pm-7:00pm

**St. Rita Parish
Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday
8:00am-2:00pm
2729 Lowerline St.
New Orleans, LA
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www.stritanola.com
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Seventh
Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20, 2022

Alms to the Poor
n.d.
Rodolphe Bresdin
French, 1825-1885
Art Institute of Chicago



Fr. Patrick Carr



MORE PROGRESS!

Thanks to a generous parishioner, we have a new thermostat for the church. This parishioner gave us funding specifically for this purpose.

For years, the church's air conditioning and heater could only be "on" or "off". As you can imagine this was not a very cost effective way to heat and cool such a large building. Now we can set the temperature of the church and leave it alone.

In the long run we can expect to see our utilities bills decrease, since we won't have to keep the air conditioning and heat running all day and night.

I appreciate your generosity and your trust. This is why I always make sure to inform you about large expenditures.



The new computerized thermostat



Saturday, February 19

8:00 am Camille Cambre
4:00 pm Tiffany & Randy Ryan, Joseph Maney,
Francisco Xavie Thin Tran & Maria Sen
Le, Sybil Prosper, Zacchaeia Prosper

Sunday, February 20

7:00 am For all parishioners
9:00 am In thanksgiving for all donors to Cath-
olic Charities
10:30 am The Children of Charles & Ursula Fau-
ria, Ron Capo, Sr. all deceased in Archdi-
ocese Cemeteries, Robin Canady
5:00 pm Special Intention

Monday, February 21

7:00 am Art Dore

Tuesday, February 22

7:00 am Sr. Kathleen States

Wednesday, February 23

7:00 am Special Intention

Thursday, February 24

7:00 am Sr. Patricia Marshall, Sister of the
Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 25

7:00 am Special Intention

Saturday, February 26

8:00 am Camille Cambre
4:00 pm Tiffany & Randy Ryan, Joseph Maney,
Sybil Prosper, Zacchaeia Prosper, In
thanksgiving for all donors to Catholic
Charities, Special Intention

Red Box Needs

We are in need of: boxed macaroni & cheese, pack-
aged rice dinners (like rice-a-roni), boxed cereal,
canned meats, Ramen noodles, grits, oatmeal, crack-
ers, peanut butter and jelly.
Note that we have plenty vegetables and beans at this
time

*We appreciate your kindness and always answering
our call for necessities for our neighborhood.*

**THERE WILL BE NO
5PM MASS ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY
27**

Happy Mardi Gras!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep
sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-
9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm
103).

Second Reading — We shall bear
the image of the heavenly Adam (1
Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who
asks of you. Lend expecting noth-
ing back (Luke 6:27-38).



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Weekly Collection

February 12/13

1st Collection

\$5,106.26

2nd Collection— Catholic Charities

\$2,472.27

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



**ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

March 2, 2022

7am

noon

6pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce
the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration on
Sunday, June 26, 2022
at 3:00 p.m.
at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie

This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

To register, please contact the parish office before Friday, March 11.



5K and 1/2-Mile Fun Run

Saturday, March 26, 2022

New Orleans Lakefront

womansnewlife.com/borntorun



Benefiting

**WOMAN'S
 NEW LIFE CLINIC**

ARCHDIOCESE-WIDE NIGHTS OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, March 23

Wednesday, March 30

Wednesday, April 6

Confession available at every church in the
 Archdiocese of New Orleans
 5-6pm

St. Rita Church 2729 Lowerline New Orleans

NOTRE DAME SEMINARY

Gala & Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

PATRON PARTY 6:00 PM
 GALA & AUCTION 7:00-10:00 PM

HONORING
 GOOD SHEPHERD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Tim & Beverly Napier

Prayers for Vocations

This week we ask your prayers for:
Timothy Thibodeaux & Victor Baez

Heavenly Father, You have created each of us to love
 You and your people.

You have chosen some to serve by responding to the particular call to the priesthood and religious life. Send your Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of those You have designed to follow this path of spiritual leadership.

We pray this petition, faithful and most gracious God, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
 Amen

**CHRIST
 IN THE CITY**

2022 DATES

MARCH 8

APRIL 5

MAY 3

JUNE 7

7:00 PM

ST. RITA CHURCH
 2729 LOWERLINE STREET,
 NEW ORLEANS

APRIL - JUNE GATHERINGS
 @ NOTRE DAME SEMINARY
 NEW ORLEANS

Questions? email James Behan: yam@arch-no.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day

Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

Wednesday: St. Polycarp

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



Archdiocese Retreat Center

Up Coming retreats

March 4-6, 2022

Silent Women's Retreat

Walking with Jesus on the Way of the Cross
Fr. Joe Nassal

Come join us on retreat with Fr. Joe Nassal. We will focus on how the way of the cross is a sojourn of the soul that invites us to engage our imaginations in a process of holy recovery-recovering the last steps Jesus took on his walk on earth.

March 9, 2022 - March 11, 2022

Silent Women's Retreat -

From Trying Times, Peace Arises

Fr. Anthony Rigoli, OMI

This past year, until the present, has been very trying times for all of us. We face each day with fears and anxiety. However, as we look towards our faith and search the Scriptures, we find that we have hope. Hope will be our strength

March 18, 2022 - March 20, 2022

Silent Women's Retreat -

The Survival Virtues: Faith, Hope, Charity

Fr. Philip Neri Powell, OP

We are to live in the world, but not be of the world. This is holiness. The theological virtues are God's way of helping us live holy lives while remaining in the world. We will explore how each of the virtues strengthens us to remain loving, faithful, and helpful in a world seemingly determined to bring us down.

March 25, 2022 - March 27, 2022

Silent Women's Retreat -

What Comes After Pandemic?

Fr. Dan Dorsey

Studies have shown that uncertainty is the most stressful condition of our bodies. How do we embody a "civilization of hope" that rejects fear, discouragement, and passivity?

For questions or to register for these events, contact the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center at 504.267.6904 or visit their website: <https://neworleansretreats.com/>



**To register visit:
nolacatholicmen.com**

The 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans

Men's Conference will be held on

Saturday, March 12

at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie.

All men of the archdiocese are invited to attend!

The day will include empowering speakers, prayer, Mass, and reconciliation.

Come reflect on what it means to be "Sons of the Father"

Tickets are \$45 and include a light breakfast, lunch and t-shirt.

2021 Annual Tax Statements

If you are in need of your 2021 donation statement, please call Melissa in the office at 504.866.3621 or email at office@stritanola.com.

JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EACH FRIDAY IN LENT AT
5:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH

ST. RITA UPTOWN
2729 LOWERLINE
NEW ORLEANS

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Lenten Retreat in Daily Life (Virtual)

Would you like to begin your Lenten journey with an at home retreat? Perhaps you would like to deepen your relationship with God and experience praying with scripture.

This retreat is for experienced prayers and those just beginning in prayer. If God is nudging you about beginning spiritual direction, the Lenten Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to experience what spiritual direction is. Attend a virtual opening group session; spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day; meet with a trained spiritual director weekly during the retreat (private session).

**Opening Sunday, March 6, 2:00pm-
Closing Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm.**

Cost: \$40.00

To register visit:

<https://nolacatholic.org/registration>

email: archspiretr@arch-no.org or

call:(504) 861-3254

It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor. —President George Washington

This year St. Rita will offer a series of
Lenten Talks

**March 8, March 22, & April 5
at 6pm in the church.**

Check back here for more information.
We hope you will join us.
Bring a friend!

LENTEN TALK #1: THE GIFTS OF LENT FOR OUR FAITH LIFE AND DAILY LIFE

Presented by St. Rita Parishioner Dr. Tom Ryan, Professor of
Theology and Ministry at Loyola University

Join us for a parish evening of reflection
on Tuesday March 8 at 6PM in the Church.

This interactive and multimedia opportunity reflects on what a
gift Lenten liturgies and traditions are for renewed
understanding and inspiration in living out our faith lives and
daily lives

BRING A FRIEND! ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Rita's Church
2729 Lowerline New Orleans

St. Joseph's Altar 2022

Saturday
March 19th
altar blessing will follow
the 8am mass

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Viewing times

Saturday: 8am-4pm

Sunday: 8am-5pm

St. Rita Parish Mission Statement

St. Rita Catholic Parish is a diverse and welcoming community of faith dedicated to forming disciples of the Good News of Jesus Christ through Word, Sacrament, and Service. In communion with the teachings of the Catholic Church and in partnership with Notre Dame Seminary, St. Rita's disciples witness to their personal faith as a community on mission, extending God's presence to our New Orleans neighborhoods.

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Principal: Mrs. Shanda Theriot

St. Rita Parish Ministries

*Do you have a calling to serve?
Do you have a talent to share?*

If you have an interest in serving St. Rita's Parish, please contact the parish office to learn more about available opportunities!

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Lector/Reader
Music Ministry
Altar Society
Flower Ministry
Children's Liturgy
Bible Study
Small Faith Groups
Youth Ministry
Young Adult Ministry
And more....

Call the parish office at 866.3621 or
Email: office@stritanola.org

For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. – Ephesians 2:10

Sacraments

Infant Baptism

Go to www.stritanola.com to download the necessary paperwork. Complete the forms and return them to the parish office. First-time parents and godparents, are expected to attend a Baptismal Preparation seminar prior to the baptism being scheduled. The classes are offered here at St. Rita the first Tuesday of each month. Please call the office to confirm your attendance. Once complete, the baptism will be scheduled.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process for initiation into the Catholic Church and an opportunity for those interested in becoming Catholic to explore the life and teachings of Christ through prayer, study, reflection, and community. For information contact the parish office

Weddings

The policy of the Archdiocese of New Orleans requires a six month preparation period for marriage. During this time, the couple will meet with the priest or deacon and participate in the Archdiocese marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should contact the parish office no later than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Funerals

We ask that the Pastor is contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the funeral liturgy.

St. Rita,

*pray
for us*

