



SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH NEW ORLEANS

A Welcoming Community of Faith



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

**“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”**

MATTHEW 24:44

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

Sat: 7:30am & 3:00pm

Sun: 4:00pm

or upon request

Adoration

Mon-Fri:

6:00am-6:55am

St. Rita Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00am-2:00pm

2729 Lowerline St.

New Orleans, LA

504.866.3621

www.stritanola.com

office@stritanola.com



Fr. Patrick Carr



This Tuesday!



#iGIVECATHOLIC

NOVEMBER 29, 2022

This year the funds raised on [#GIVINGTUESDAY](#) will be used to upgrade the lighting in and around church. The cost of this project will be approximately \$25,000.

Giving is EASY!

On Tuesday, November 29th

1. **Go to** [iGIVECATHOLIC.org](#)
2. **Search** for St. Rita Church
3. **Donate** (minimum on-line donation is \$20)

That's it!

Give Early! Advanced Giving has already begun!

Not an on-line giver?

You can always write a check and drop it in the collection basket on ANY Sunday at Mass or drop it in the mail or drop it to the parish office. Make sure you note that the donation is for [#iGIVECATHOLIC](#).

Parish News



Saturday, November 26

8:00 am In Thanksgiving
4:00 pm Collette Doucette, Sybil Prosper,
Tiffany & Randy Ryan, Eugene Hebert

Sunday, November 27

7:00 am For all parishioners
9:00 am JoAnn Suarez
10:30 am In Thanksgiving for donors to
Catholic Charities, Joseph Maney, The
Sherwood Family, Maria Hue Tran, Fr.
Joseph Cazenavette
5:00 pm Protection from Storms

Monday, November 28

7:00 am Deceased in Archdiocese Cemeteries

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 am Maria Hue Tran

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 am In Thanksgiving for donors to Cath-
olic Charities

Thursday, December 1

9:00 am Eugene Hebert

Friday, December 2

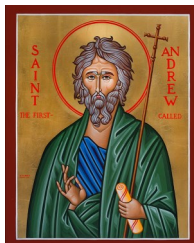
7:00 am Special Intention

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am In Thanksgiving
4:00 pm Collette Doucette, Sybil Prosper, Tif-
fany & Randy Ryan, Eugene Hebert

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Andrew
Thursday: World AIDS Aware-
ness Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier;
First Saturday



Please join us for a PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

on December 3rd, 5pm

St. Rita Church
Moreau Center
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Thursday, December 8, 2002

7am

noon



SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS
NEW ORLEANS

St. Joseph the Worker Advent Retreat

DECEMBER 3 | 9:00 AM - NOON

St. Rita Catholic Church

2729 Lowerline St.
New Orleans, LA 70125.

- Breakfast & Coffee
- Confessions Available
- Talks and Discussions
- Mass & Independent Prayer Time

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Angel Trees for Advent



St. Rita's Parish will once again have two angel trees.

What is an Angel Tree?

Very simply, we, the members of St. Rita's Parish, act as angels for others in our community. On the weekend of **November 26/27**, we will have two trees near the altar adorned with Angels. Each Angel has an individual's name and a gift idea on it.



How does it work?

Pick an angel (or two) from the tree.

Purchase the requested gift for that angel.

Wrap the gift and **securely attach** the angel to the gift.

Return the angel's gift to St. Rita the weekend of **December 10/11**.

St. Rita will work to distribute the gifts that week so everyone can have a gift this Christmas!

It is very important that you return your angel's gifts timely, so we can get them out to the recipients timely.

Together we can make this Christmas a blessing for our neighbors!

Mass Intentions for 2023

Mass intentions are now available for 2023

Each Intention is \$5.
Call the parish office to schedule.

Pray for our Seminarians

This week we ask your prayers for:

Dcn. David Furka &
Dcn. Kevin Kolker

All-powerful Father, protect your sons who are preparing for the priesthood.

Help them remain faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, and docile to spiritual direction.

Protect them from all evil, and enflame their hearts with love so they may one day become ardent and gentle shepherds for your Church.

Amen

**ST. JOSEPH'S
ALTAR
COOKIE SALE**

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 4

AFTER ALL MASSES



*Do you love St. Rita's masses?
Do you come to mass at St. Rita's
each week?*

Are you a registered parishioner of St. Rita's Parish?

Consider making St. Rita your home parish! We would love to have you!

Call the parish office to register 504.866.36210

ST. RITA CHURCH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24
4pm & 6pm

Sunday, December 25
7am, 9am, 10:30am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Red Box Needs!

We need:

Canned vegetables (peas, corn, carrots)
Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages)
Grits, oatmeal & cereal
Rice, pasta & pasta sauce
Canned fruits (applesauce, fruit cups)
Cereal bars, granola bars



Please place donations in the bins in the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support!

Weekly Collection

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and early submission deadlines, collection numbers were not available. Check back here next week.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

QUICK. DIGITAL. SECURE.



GIVE ONLINE

Register to support St. Rita.



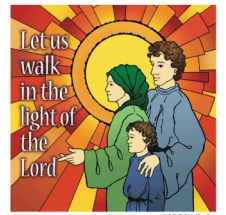
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).



Join us for a special Christ in the City & social at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center this Advent!

CHRIST IN THE CITY

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
7:00 PM**

ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS
RETREAT CENTER
5500 ST. MARY STREET,
METAIRIE



ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CHURCH
is pleased to present
an afternoon organ concert

featuring
Benjamin
La Prairie

Associate Director of Music and Organist
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Washington, D.C.



with selections by
Charles-Marie Widor
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Gaudete Sunday 2022
December 11 at 3 o'clock
631 State Street ~ Uptown New Orleans

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans.

This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1993 - 1998.

To register, please contact the parish office before Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.



presents a
young adult retreat for those searching for
Peace, Fulfillment, & Happiness

TRIED & TEMPTED

Not for Perfect Catholics
December 9-10



PRESENTED BY: FR. ANDREW GUITERREZ
Register at neworleansretreats.com



Finding Advent Peace Sheltered in the Arms of Joseph and Mary

An Advent Morning of
Prayer, Silence and Quiet Reflection
Wednesday, November 30, 2022
9:00am - Noon followed by Mass
Archdiocesan Spirituality Center
5500 St. Mary St. Metairie



Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.
Matt 1:18-25

Come and rest awhile in the silence to find new strength for the Advent journey. The morning of reflection will begin with shared prayer and song followed by a generous hour of silence and solitude with meditations to guide your prayer as you are led into the arms of Joseph and Mary for consolation and peace. Leave equipped by the Holy Spirit to face the worldly "rush" of the Christmas Season. Eucharist celebrated at noon. Presenter: Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Associate Director, Jan Tate. Cost \$35.00 (Adjustments can be made.) Register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/asc> Email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-3254



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Get "In the know" about
upcoming Young Adults
events!
Join the Group Me.

Parish Resources

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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Pastor: Rev. Patrick Carr
Business Manager: Mrs. Melissa Mandella
Social Worker: Mrs. Brittany Breaux

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
Bible Study/Small Faith Groups
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.