



SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEW ORLEANS

A Welcoming Community of Faith



THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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



We are very excited to announce the return of the
Epiphany Party this year.

All are welcome to join us for an evening of bowling and
fun and bring the whole family!



Angel Trees for Advent

Reminder:
Angel tree gifts are due
back **THIS Sunday**
(December 10/11)

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am Protection from Storms
4:00 pm Collette Doucette, Sybil Prosper, Tiffany & Randy Ryan

Sunday, December 11

7:00 am For all parishioners
9:00 am JoAnn Suarez
10:30 am In Thanksgiving for donors to Catholic Charities, The Sherwood Family, Lesbia Ayala Breve', Patricia Bernhardt, Katherine Mehaffey
5:00 pm Special Intention

Monday, December 12

7:00 am Deceased in Archdiocese Cemeteries

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 am Residents, Staff & Donors of Christopher Homes

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 am Marilyn O'Connor

Thursday, December 15

9:00 am Margaret R. Favre

Friday, December 16

7:00 am In Thanksgiving for donors to Catholic Charities

Saturday, December 17

8:00 am The Nordman Family
4:00 pm Collette Doucette, Sybil Prosper, Tiffany & Randy Ryan

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!

Weekly Collection

**December 3/4
1st Collection**
\$ 5,907.00

**2nd Collection—
Parish Building & Maintenance Fund**
\$ 3,925.00



*Thank you for your
continued
generosity!*

#iGIVECATHOLIC

Thank You



Thanks to YOU our
#iGIVECATHOLIC 2022
Campaign was a huge success!

St. Rita Church - 2729 Lowerline - New Orleans

Email List

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR EMAILS?
DO YOU WISH TO JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST?

To be added to our email list,
call the office: 504.866.3621
or email: office@stritanola.com

ST. RITA CHURCH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24
4pm & 6pm

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



Parking for Mass

-Just a reminder-

Since it gets dark early now, we just wanted to remind you that the school yard is available for parking for all masses, but especially for the 5pm Sunday mass.

Solemnity of Mary

Mass times:

Saturday, December 31
4pm

Sunday, January 1
7am, 9am & 10:30am

There will be NO 5pm Mass on
Sunday January 1

Get “In the know” about
upcoming Young Adults
events!

Join the Group Me.

ST. RITA'S YA



Free Podcasts for your New Year's Resolution!

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

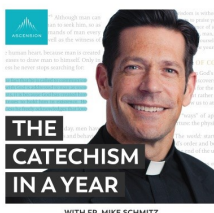
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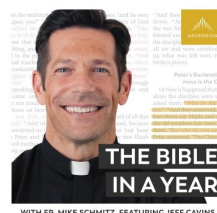
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—Ignacio G.

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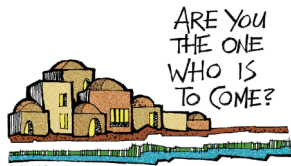
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Flower Ladies Needed!

We have a group of ladies who create our beautiful flower arrangements for the altars in church. They also help decorate the church for Easter and Christmas.

They could use some additional helpers right now.

If you have a flair for flowers, please call the parish office— 504.866.3621

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.

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

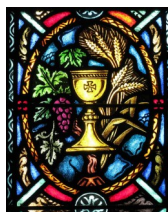


Please place donations in the bins in the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support!

Communion for the sick & homebound

If you have a friend or family member who is unable to attend Mass, they can still receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

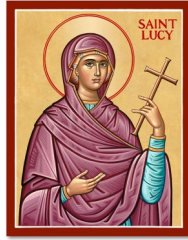


We can have one of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, visit them each week and bring the Eucharist to them, in their home.

Call the parish office @ 504.866.3621 for more information.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
 Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Tuesday: St. Lucy
 Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
 Friday: *Las Posadas* begins



Young Catholic Professionals

Ugly Sweater CHRISTMAS Party

13 DEC **6 - 9 P.M.**

FREE FOOD | FREE DRINKS | \$10 FEE FOR NON MEMBERS

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

105 N. ROADWAY ST, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70124

PRIZE FOR THE BEST UGLY SWEATER

Mass Intentions for 2023

*Want to remember a loved one?
 Want to celebrate an anniversary or birthday?*

Mass intentions are a beautiful way to remember someone or a special memory you have.

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

Bible Study
 everyone is welcome

Every Sunday Morning @ 8am
Call the office for more information

Pray for our Seminarians

This week we ask your prayers for:

**Dcn. Joshua Page &
 Dcn. Long Pham**

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

FEATURING TIM TEBOW!

New Orleans
PROUDLY PRO-LIFE
Gala

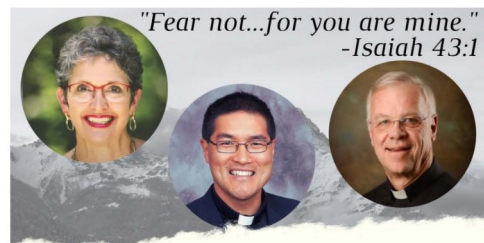
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
 VICTORY FOR LIFE!

Saturday, January 14, 2023
www.ProLifeGala.com



2023 CCRNO Holy Spirit Women's Retreat

Anne Trufant, Fr. Bill Henry, and Fr. Paul Yi will be featured at the annual Holy Spirit Women's Retreat from January 27-29, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lafayette. The theme for 2023 is "Fear Not... For You Are Mine!" The weekend will include praise and worship, dynamic preaching, adoration, daily Mass, prayer ministry and more. Anne is a dynamic missionary and teacher who has travelled the world spreading the truth of the Kingdom of God. She and her husband Dave are the founders of The Mission on the Mountain ministries, and are especially known in our area for their decades of youth and young adult ministry at Camps Kahdalea and Chosatonga. Fr. Bill Henry is a beloved Pastor from Greenville, MS. He left a successful career in sales to embrace the call to the priesthood. He has served for many years with CCRNO and the Marian Servants. Fr. Paul Yi is the dynamic Pastor of St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge. The retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) and annually serves hundreds of women from throughout the Gulf South. Early bird rates end November 30, 2022. Register online at www.ccrno.org. Please email info@ccrno.org with any questions or for more info!



"Fear not...for you are mine."
 -Isaiah 43:1

Cost: \$175
 early-bird rate,
 \$205 after 11/30.

Register at
ccrno.org

Questions? email
info@ccrno.org



CCRNO
Women's Retreat

January 27-29, 2023
 DoubleTree by Hilton
 Lafayette, LA

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.