

# The Good News of Saint Rita Catholic Church Catahoula, Louisiana



## St. Rita Catholic Church

Established in 1952  
Fr. Marcel Dion, First Pastor

*"Growing in Faith Together"*

**Masses:** Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
Monday: No Mass  
Tuesday and Thursday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 12:10 p.m., Friday: 7:00 a.m.

**Baptisms:** Call parish office for information and to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class. Registration forms are found at entrances to the Church.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
30 minutes before Masses and by appointment.

Contact church parish office for Weddings,  
Anointing of the Sick, and Funerals.

## St. Rita Catholic Church

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**Pastor: Fr. Bill John Melançon**

Trustees: Pearly Champagne and  
McKanley "Mac" Hebert

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Rita Catholic Church is to be a community of disciples of Christ that, guided by the Holy Spirit, brings God's transforming love to our parish family and to the world; committed to the lifelong process of developing a personal relationship with God through the intercession of the Church, Mary and Joseph, St. Rita, and all the Angels and Saints.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions:  
Tuesday following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

First Friday Mass and Sacred Heart Devotions:  
6:00 a.m. Angelus/Exposition/Adoration/Sacred Heart Novena  
7:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
First Saturday/Healing Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Pastoral Council President: Marc Dugas, (337) 256-3508  
Director of Religious Education: Ray Latiolais, (337) 394-4030  
Safe Environment Coordinator: Ray Latiolais, (337) 394-4030  
Parish Secretary: Patsy Blanchard, (337) 394-4679

Church Parish Office Hours:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and  
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

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# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 07, 2021 No. 06

### MASS INTENTIONS

08	Monday		No Mass
09	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention
10	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Rosary in Church
		12:10 p.m.	Special Intention
11	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention
12	First Friday	6:00 a.m.	Angelus/Exposition/Adoration
		7:00 a.m.	Special Intention
13	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Charlene Broussard & Karen Riley; Clayton Boudreaux, M/M Aldes Boudreaux Sr., M/M Ignace Doucet; Leon, Gladys (ann.) & Ralph Buford, M/M Martin Latiolais; Tessie L. & Alexson Doucet Sr., Peggy D. & Arlene Robin, Alexson Doucet Jr.; Rachal Castille, Theresa Melancon & Rosalie Laperouse; Allen & Lucille Latiolais, Howard Theriot, M/M Phermine Latiolais; Kalem Laviolette; Sylvain, Angella & Patrick Theriot, Alvin, Debra & Brandon Bonin, Steve Castex & Janice Borel
14	Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Collins & Verna Faucheaux Sr. (her ann.); Joseph & Laura Dauphinat Jr., Gerald Hulin, Clay & Florence Hebert; Alton Sr., Jr. & Kyle Taylor, Mable & Antoine Bourque Sr., Howard Saucier Sr.; Fala Dauphinat, Hannah Parker, Dauphinat fmlly.; Cody Bourque, Travis & Terrell Devillier; August Sr. & Jeanne L. Dupuis, Theodore & Lucille L. Hulin; Vincent & Estelle Lasseigne, Tessie Doucet, Sue Gilchrist; Brittney Dugas(ann.); Louis "Papook" Dugas
		10:00 a.m.	St. Rita Parishioners; Black & Bernedette Courville, Judd Judice, Paul Darby; Percy & Emma Bourque, Cherie Alexandrescu & M/M Olden Blanchard; Juliette & Carol Granger, M/M Semar & Bobby Boudreaux, M/M Lotor Boutte fmlly.

**Sanctuary Light:** Ned & Doris Decoux; Miranda Blanchard, Olden & Bernice Blanchard, M/M Ernest Perioux; T.L., Ella Claire, Janice Debnam, Bubba, Tommy, Kim, Frank, Lonnie, Adam, Bill, Floyd & Carrie

**Church Cleaning Group 1**

Cherie Foti, Kathy Talley, Loretta Judice & Louise Prados

**Lectors – Feb. 13 & 14**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – Ray Latiolais

Sunday 7:30 a.m. – Gloria Camille

10:00 a.m. – Catherine Poche

**Greeters-Feb. 13 & 14**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.- Nicole Riley

Sunday 7:30 a.m.- Leona Thibodeaux

10:00 a.m.- Lori Louviere

**The Fatima Statue and The Vocation Chalice**

will be at the home of Louise Prados



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***The Gospel Whisper* Mark 1:29-39**

Jesus' healing caused a great stir among the people of Galilee. In Capernaum, the people were bringing all those who were ill and possessed by demons. His speaking with authority has captivated them. The synagogue in Capernaum towers over everything and provides a perfect backdrop for the miracles of Jesus. But there is a problem. The very leaders of the synagogue will contact the leaders of the Temple in Jerusalem to report a troublesome *man*. The people begin to follow Jesus. Of course, this is God's plan.

There is another problem. Sensationalism, the attraction to the spectacle of the miracles, has captured some people. In the debate on whether Jesus is the Messiah, emotion gets muddled in the minds of people. They may want to carry Him off to make Him a king. Although He is our King, it is not why He has come. He has come to bring hope! He has come to bring good news.

For us, we can get amused and caught up in the things around us and lose sight of the truth of things. We get distracted from the many blessings and workings of God in our lives. We fail to recognize the awesomeness of God. We fail to be grateful. We need to meet Christ in the deserted places so there is no distraction. This is not a physical place, but the silence and barrenness of our hearts. In quiet prayer, when we rest with Christ for a few moments, we can recognize His love and His mercy toward us.

*--Father Bill John Melancon*

**Mass of Remembrance  
Saint Rita Church's  
Thursday, February 18, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

**As Father Melancon travels on a few days of vacation and to work on a project with a Midwestern bishop, we will have substitute clergy for Masses from February 04-14, 2021. All Confession and Mass times remain the same. We pray for safety and success for Father Melancon in his travels and endeavors.**

**Saint Rita Church's Raffle tickets are now available for pickup! They are located in the vestibule of the church building. To help sell tickets, make sure you sign your name in the book indicating which ticket numbers you took to sell. Thanks!**

**Note on Ash Wednesday  
Distribution of Ashes  
in the Time of Pandemic**

The Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship at the Vatican has encouraged us to use an alternate form of the application of ashes on those who reverently attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Instead of the usual cross-form on the forehead, the priest may opt for the sprinkling of ashes on the heads of the people. Although not as visual as the cross, this practice does hail from scriptural passages where, as a sign of humility the people would dress in sackcloth and throw ashes upon their heads in a public sign of repentance. This would limit the amount of contact.

**First Confession Preparation**

Monday, February 08

Monday, February 22

These sessions are held in the Church building,

(First Confession, Tuesday,  
February 23, 6:30 p.m., in Church building)

**First Communion Preparation**

Monday, March 15

Monday, March 22

Monday March 29

These sessions are held in the Church building,  
beginning at 5:30 p.m.