

# 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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# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 14, 2021 No. 07

### MASS INTENTIONS

15	Monday		No Mass
16	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention
17	Wednesday	6:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass
		8:00 a.m.	Rosary in Church
		12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass
		6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass; Percy & Emma Bourque, Cherie Alexandrescu, M/M Angest, Chester & Ella Latiolais
18	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Mass of Remembrance
19	Friday	6:00 a.m.	Angelus/Exposition/Adoration
		7:00 a.m.	Mass/Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass
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20	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Rita Parishioners; Tessie L. & Alexson Doucet Sr., Peggy D & Arlene Robin, Alexson Doucet Jr.; Kalem Laviolette; Charlene Broussard & Karen Riley
21	Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Cody Bourque, Travis & Terrell Devillier; August Sr. & Jeanne L. Dupuis Theadore & Lucille L. Hulin; Mary & Gabriel Latiolais, Dauphinat fmly., Latiolais fmly.; : Louis "Papook" Dugas
		10:00 a.m.	Black & Bernadette Courville fmly., Judd Judice & Mae Talley; Cherie Alexandrescu, Percy & Emma Bourque, M/M Olden Blanchard; Juliette & Carol Granger, M/M Charles Savoie, M/M Ralph Thibodeaux; Juliette & Carol Granger, M/M Semar & Bobby Boudreaux & Jackie Savoy



**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 and Louise Prados

#### Lectors – Feb. 20 & 21

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – Ray Latiolais  
 Sunday 7:30 a.m. – Lori Louviere  
 10:00 a.m. – Jackie Theriot

#### Greeters-Feb. 20 & 21

Saturday 4:00 p.m.- Nicolas & Nicole Riley  
 Sunday 7:30 a.m.- Leona Thibodeaux  
 10:00 a.m.- Cherie Foti

#### The Fatima Statue and The Vocation Chalice

will be at the home of Gladys Broussard

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### GOSPEL WHISPER—Mark 1:40-45

The imagination of a child. When young I heard this Gospel passage and heard leopards instead of lepers. At seven years old I had never heard of lepers. And I thought, Jesus could talk to the animals and the leopard did not attack Him. My recollection is a simple little story, but it happens often that we hear the truth, but understand only what we are capable of understanding.

The truth is the leper came in humility and bowed before Christ. Christ was his last chance to be healed and to return to society (lepers were forced to live in deserted places away from everyone else). *"If you wish, you can make me clean."* Jesus cleanses the leper of the leprosy. He tells him to go the priest and show himself, so he can be declared clean of leprosy and be able to return to his family and friends. Jesus then admonishes him to not broadcast it, but the leper does. This complicates Jesus' life, so that He has to minister more in the countryside and not in the villages. But how could the former leper not spread the good fortune bestowed upon him.

What are the many good things God has given us? We spend a lot of time complaining or being negative, or finding fault. Maybe it is time we stop all that and focus on the positive and encouraging things that we experience. We may not realize that there are many more good things, than bad. It is not about the number of good things, but appreciating the ones we do have.

--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 22  
 These sessions are held in the Church building,  
 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

(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.