



# Saint Joan of Arc Parish

*2025 Christmas Edition*

**December 28, 2025**



## New Years Day

*Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas*



**New Year's Eve**  
**Wednesday, December 31**  
(Upper Church/Iglesia Arriba)

**6:00 PM : English**

**7:30 PM : Español**



**New Year's Day**  
**Thursday, January 1**  
(Upper Church/Iglesia Arriba)

**9:00 AM : English**

**10:30 AM : Español**

**12:00 PM : English**

**1:30 PM : Español**



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### Pastor

Rev. Fr. Christopher R. Heanue

### Parochial Vicars

Rev. Johnson Chanassery  
Rev. Paul K. Osei-Fosu  
Rev. Javier Renteria, Sch. P.

### Deacons

Deacon Paulo Salazar  
Deacon Micheal McCarthy  
Deacon Jorge Caastillo.



## What an incredible blessing Christmas was at St. Joan of Arc this year.

Those who gathered for Mass came with genuine joy and enthusiasm to celebrate the great mystery of our faith: the Incarnation of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The church was filled not only with people, but with a spirit of reverence, warmth, and hope that was deeply moving.

Seeing so many families praying together gave me a profound sense of encouragement for the future of our parish and our wider community here in Jackson Heights. There is something powerful and formative when children witness their parents and grandparents kneeling side by side, united in prayer, celebrating this extraordinary feast. These moments quietly teach our young people what truly matters and lay the foundation for a faith that can endure.

Yet, as beautiful as Christmas is, **it does not end at Christmas.**

The joy we experienced continues into the new year as we gather this Sunday to celebrate the **Solemnity of the Holy Family**. This feast invites us to reflect on the gift of family life and challenges us to help our families grow in holiness, love, and commitment.

The Holy Family offers us a timeless example: the tender love shared between Mary and Joseph as spouses, their care and concern for the child Jesus, and the respect shown by Jesus toward His parents. Their example is both inspiring and deeply relevant, especially in a society where birth rates continue to decline, children are sometimes viewed as burdens rather than blessings, and family life is too often weakened by infidelity and a lack of lasting commitment.

In this context, celebrating the gift of family is not simply a “nice thing to do”... it is necessary!

Looking ahead, I am especially excited to invite our families and children to celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany**, often referred to as Three Kings Day, next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Following the 10:00 AM (Spanish) and 10:30 AM (English) Masses, we hope to mark the visit of the Magi by welcoming them symbolically to our parish, bearing gifts for our children. It will be a joyful and meaningful continuation of the Christmas season.

As we approach the end of 2025, I wish our entire parish family a year filled with grace and renewed purpose. **I pray for increased involvement from our school families, our religious education children and parents, and a deeper commitment to active participation in parish life.**

Great things are planned for the year ahead: the hiring of a youth minister, monthly cultural traditions, special themed Masses, expanded scholarship opportunities, capital improvements to our school building, and a revised Mass schedule aimed at fostering growth and unity within our community.

May the Holy Family guide and bless us as we continue this journey together.

**Rev. Fr. Christopher R. Heanue**  
Pastor





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### Office of Faith Formation

Ms. Molly Ferrari  
Director

### Music Director

Nicholle Bittlingmeyer

### Parochial School

Mrs. Agnes Mosejczukl, M.S. Ed.  
Principal



## ¡Qué bendición tan increíble fue la Navidad en la parroquia de Santa Juana de Arco este año!

Quienes se reunieron para la Misa lo hicieron con genuina alegría y entusiasmo para celebrar el gran misterio de nuestra fe: la Encarnación de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo. La iglesia estaba llena no solo de gente, sino también de un espíritu de reverencia, calidez y esperanza que fue profundamente conmovedor.

Ver a tantas familias orando juntas me dio un profundo aliento para el futuro de nuestra parroquia y de nuestra comunidad en Jackson Heights. Hay algo poderoso y formativo en que los niños vean a sus padres y abuelos arrodillados uno al lado del otro, unidos en oración, celebrando esta fiesta extraordinaria. Estos momentos enseñan discretamente a nuestros jóvenes lo que realmente importa y sientan las bases para una fe que perdure.

Sin embargo, por hermosa que sea la Navidad, **no termina en Navidad.**

La alegría que experimentamos continúa en el nuevo año, al reunirnos este domingo para celebrar la **Solemnidad de la Sagrada Familia**. Esta fiesta nos invita a reflexionar sobre el don de la vida familiar y nos desafía a ayudar a nuestras familias a crecer en santidad, amor y compromiso.

La Sagrada Familia nos ofrece un ejemplo atemporal: el tierno amor compartido entre María y José como esposos, su cuidado y preocupación por el niño Jesús, y el respeto que Jesús mostró hacia sus padres. Su ejemplo es inspirador y profundamente relevante, especialmente en una sociedad donde las tasas de natalidad siguen disminuyendo, los niños a veces son vistos como cargas en lugar de bendiciones, y la vida familiar a menudo se ve debilitada por la infidelidad y la falta de compromiso duradero.

En este contexto, celebrar el don de la familia no es simplemente algo "bonito de hacer"... ¡es necesario!

De cara al futuro, me entusiasma especialmente invitar a nuestras familias y niños a celebrar la **Fiesta de la Epifanía**, a menudo conocida como el Día de los Reyes Magos, el próximo domingo 4 de enero. Después de las Misas de las 10:00 a. m. (en español) y las 10:30 a. m. (en inglés), esperamos conmemorar la visita de los Reyes Magos dándoles la bienvenida simbólicamente a nuestra parroquia, trayendo regalos para nuestros niños. Será una continuación alegre y significativa de la temporada navideña.

Al acercarnos al final de 2025, deseo a toda nuestra familia parroquial un año lleno de gracia y propósito renovado. **Oro por una mayor participación de las familias de nuestra escuela, de los niños y padres de catequesis, y por un compromiso más profundo con la participación activa en la vida parroquial.** Se han planificado grandes cosas para el próximo año: la contratación de un ministro de pastoral juvenil, celebraciones culturales mensuales, misas temáticas especiales, mayores oportunidades de becas, mejoras en las instalaciones de nuestra escuela y un horario de misas revisado con el objetivo de fomentar el crecimiento y la unidad en nuestra comunidad.

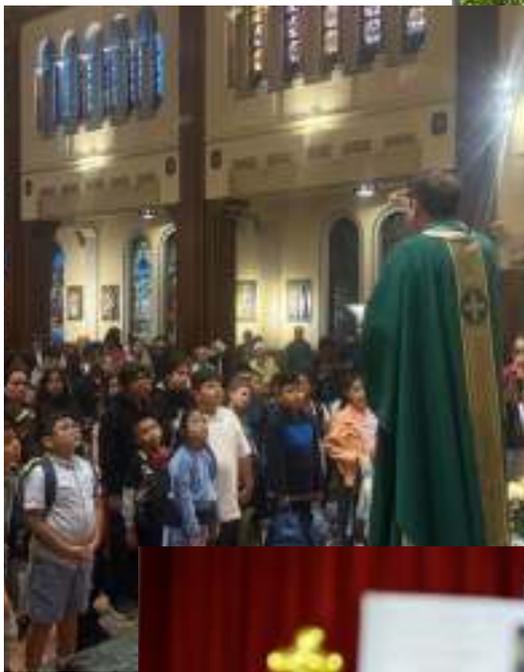
Que la Sagrada Familia nos guíe y nos bendiga mientras continuamos este camino juntos.

**Rvdo. Padre Christopher R. Heanue**  
**Párroco**

The SJA Rosarians thank everyone who helped make our annual Christmas luncheon a huge success. Special thanks to Fr. Heanue for his support, words of encouragement and leading us in prayer. Thank you to Deacon Salazar and his wife, Carola, and to our many SJA friends for their generous support. Also thank Patty and her staff at Uncle Peter's for their warm hospitality and delicious food. All made our day extra special!

The many blessings, peace, and joy of Christmas to all.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW







**The Altar Bread for the week of December 29 is offered for: Clark Family**

by: Eileen & Robert Clark



# Weekly Mass Intentions



**The Altar Candles for the week of December 28 is offered for: Marlene Velasquez**  
by: Rosa Calderon



**The Altar Flowers for the week of December 28 is offered for: Sison Family**  
by: Veronica Sison



**The Sanctuary Light for the week of December 29 is offered for: Zofia Conrad**



**The Altar Wine for the week of December 29 is offered for:**

Fr. Tim Hirtin &  
Fr. William Aguzey

Monday December 29	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm	Jose Velez Christmas Novena Claudia Hrelia, Josephine & Esthera Paskvan, Emma Hrvatin & Roswe Grzinic
Tuesday December 30	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm	Jay Noodell Christmas Novena Lydia Campbell
Wednesday December 31	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Silvashy Family Christmas Novena Donato N. Nicer Patrick Joseph Campbell Family Angelina Obregon
Thursday January 1	9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 1:30pm	Christmas Novena Edilma Paredes Lemos Maria Espinoza & Pelagio De Leon Gardis G. Cueva Chocoro y Jose Caicedo y familia
Friday January 2	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm	Elena Plan Christmas Novena Anne Henry & Souls in purgatory & Adolfo Aguilar
Saturday January 3	9:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christmas Novena & Purgatorial Society Mass Felicitas Ramirez, Serio Yllanes & Aida Maypa John Anthony Mascarenhas & Father Jose Vicente Espinoza Martha Alvarez
Sunday January 4	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 1:30pm 6:00pm	For the people of the Parish Eszter Szocs & Eduardo Monteclar Jr. Almas del purgatorio Maria B. Calderon, Irene & Lucian Twarna En agradecimiento al Nino Jesus de la familia Leon y Alfonso Tesen Mora Community Mass Misa Comunitaria Tasha Ray