



St. Joan of Arc Parish



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February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks plainly to His disciples – and to us – calling us the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” But salt loses its purpose if it goes stale, and light cannot shine if it is hidden. Our faith must be lived, not concealed.

We are called to act so that others may see the way we serve, how we care for the vulnerable, how we prioritize our families, and above all, how we love God – and through our witness, give glory to Him.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let us embrace it fully.

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SJA Café
Sunday, February 8

Join us this Sunday, February 8, for SJA Café, (from 8:00am - 3:00pm) sponsored by our Kindergarten class! Stop by after Mass to enjoy delicious baked goods, warm drinks, and fellowship while supporting St. Joan of Arc School. We look forward to welcoming our parish families for this special community event.

We were also thrilled to recently welcome the New York Mets mascots, **Mr. and Mrs. Met**, to St. Joan of Arc School! Their surprise visit brought lots of excitement, laughter, and smiles to our students and made for a truly memorable day.



We invite all parishioners to come to 9:00am Mass on Monday, February 9, to celebrate a special mass with our school and Bishop Cisneros.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday:
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, &
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Holy Days and Holidays: No Office Hours

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Lunes a Viernes:
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, y de
3:00 PM - 5:00PM
Sábado y Domingo: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Días Feriados: no hay horario de oficina

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening:
6:00PM (English); 7:30 PM (Spanish)
Upper Church: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:30 PM (Spanish), 6:00 PM
Lower Church: 10:00, 11:30 AM
Tagalog: 1:30 PM, every 3rd Sunday of the month

MISAS EN DOMINGO

Sábado en la noche:
6:00 PM (Inglés); 7:30 PM (Español)
Iglesia arriba: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon (Inglés); 1:30 PM (Español), 6:00 PM (Inglés)
Iglesia abajo: Español - 10:00, 11:30 AM; Filipino - 1:30PM, Cada tercer Domingo

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:30, 9:00, 12:00 Noon
Thursday: 6:30 PM (Spanish)
Saturday: 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

MISAS ENTRE SEMANA

Lunes a Viernes: 7:30, 9:00, 12:00 Noon
Jueves: 6:30 PM (Español)
Sabado: 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

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As we draw closer to the season of **Lent**, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**, we realize that we are only a week and a half away from this sacred and important time. My hope is that, as a parish, we use this season intentionally to grow in holiness and in our knowledge, love, and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is often described as a season of penance and sacrifice, and rightly so. Yet Dynamic Catholic has popularized the phrase "Best Lent Ever!" At first glance, that phrase can feel like a contradiction. How can a season marked by fasting, prayer, and self-denial be the "best"? But the phrase points to something deeper: Lent is meant to be the **most important season of our spiritual growth**. It is meant to be a time of real transformation.

This season invites us to pause and ask ourselves some honest questions about taking our faith seriously: When was the last time we read a book about our faith? When was the last time we opened the Catechism of the Catholic Church (available for purchase in the parish office, by the way)? Have we made use of solid Catholic resources such as **FORMED** by the Augustine Institute, or **Hallow**, the popular prayer app? Lent is an opportunity to return to these practices and to place God more intentionally at the center of our daily lives.

I hope this Lent offers you and your family a meaningful experience of spiritual renewal. Throughout the season, we will host a series of **Wednesday evening Lenten programs**, as well as **English and Spanish retreats** (dates to be announced). On **Fridays during Lent**, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross in both English and Spanish**. And every Thursday throughout the year, including Lent, we offer extended **Eucharistic Adoration from noon until the 6:30 PM Mass** which is a beautiful opportunity to spend quiet, prayerful time with the Lord.

I am also pleased to announce a **special Lenten presentation on the life of Venerable Félix Varela**, to be held on **Sunday, February 22**. Father Varela was a Cuban priest of the early 1800s whose life and ministry continue to inspire the Church today. Serving in New York City, he dedicated himself especially to newly arrived Irish immigrants, advocating for them at a time when they faced deep prejudice and hardship. Rooted firmly in his Catholic faith, Varela worked tirelessly to build bridges between cultures, reminding the Church that charity, justice, and unity know no boundaries.

Venerable Félix Varela once wrote, *"I would rather see the Church poor, but rich in virtue,"* and also, *"There is no homeland without virtue, nor virtue without faith."* His life is a powerful witness to what it means to live the Gospel courageously in challenging times.

Perhaps this presentation could become a meaningful part of your Lenten journey as an opportunity to learn, reflect, and be inspired by a man whose faith shaped both hearts and history. I especially think this presentation fits perfectly well in our diverse community - for the Irish whose lives were touched by a Cuban, and for those Hispanics who collaborate in the ways of the faith.

I pray that this upcoming Lent truly be a season of grace for you and your family.

Fr. Christopher R Heanue
Pastor

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Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer and meditation app, providing daily prayers, meditations, and scripture, featuring content from Catholic leaders.



Hallow es la aplicación número 1 de oración y meditación católica, que ofrece oraciones diarias, meditaciones y pasajes bíblicos, con contenido de líderes católicos

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A medida que nos acercamos a la **Cuaresma**, que comienza el **Miércoles de Ceniza, 18 de febrero**, nos damos cuenta de que solo falta una semana y media para este tiempo sagrado e importante. Mi esperanza es que, como parroquia, aprovechemos este tiempo intencionalmente para crecer en santidad y en nuestro conocimiento, amor y relación con nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

La Cuaresma a menudo se describe como un tiempo de penitencia y sacrificio, y con razón. Sin embargo, Dynamic Catholic ha popularizado la frase "¡La mejor Cuaresma de la historia!". A primera vista, esta frase puede parecer una contradicción. ¿Cómo puede ser "la mejor" una época marcada por el ayuno, la oración y la abnegación? Pero la frase apunta a algo más profundo: la Cuaresma está destinada a ser el período **más importante de nuestro crecimiento espiritual**. Está destinada a ser un tiempo de verdadera transformación.

Este tiempo nos invita a detenemos y hacemos algunas preguntas honestas sobre la seriedad con la que vivimos nuestra fe: ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que leímos un libro sobre nuestra fe? ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que abrimos el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (disponible para su compra en la oficina parroquial, por cierto)? ¿Hemos utilizado recursos católicos sólidos como **FORMED** del Augustine Institute o **Hallow**, la popular aplicación de oración? La Cuaresma es una oportunidad para retomar estas prácticas y poner a Dios de forma más intencionada en el centro de nuestra vida diaria.

Espero que esta Cuaresma les otorgue a usted y a su familia una experiencia significativa de renovación espiritual. Durante este tiempo, organizaremos una serie de programas de Cuaresma los miércoles por la noche, así como **retiros en inglés y español (fechas por anunciar)**. Los viernes de Cuaresma, rezaremos el **Vía Crucis en inglés y español**. Y todos los jueves del año, incluida la Cuaresma, ofrecemos **Adoración Eucarística prolongada desde el mediodía hasta la Misa de las 6:30pm**, una hermosa oportunidad para pasar un tiempo de oración y reflexión con el Señor.

También me complace anunciar una **presentación especial de Cuaresma sobre la vida del Venerable Félix Varela**, que se llevará a cabo el **domingo 22 de febrero**. El Padre Varela fue un sacerdote cubano de principios del siglo XIX cuya vida y ministerio continúan inspirando a la Iglesia hoy en día. Sirviendo en la ciudad de Nueva York, se dedicó especialmente a los inmigrantes irlandeses recién llegados, abogando por ellos en un momento en que enfrentaban profundos prejuicios y dificultades. Arraigado firmemente en su fe católica, Varela trabajó incansablemente para tender puentes entre culturas, recordando a la Iglesia que la caridad, la justicia y la unidad no conocen fronteras.

El Venerable Félix Varela escribió una vez: «Prefiero ver a la Iglesia pobre, pero rica en virtud», y también: «No hay patria sin virtud, ni virtud sin fe». Su vida es un poderoso testimonio de lo que significa vivir el Evangelio con valentía en tiempos difíciles.

Quizás esta presentación pueda convertirse en una parte significativa de su camino cuaresmal, una oportunidad para aprender, reflexionar e inspirarse en un hombre cuya fe transformó corazones e historia. Creo que esta presentación encaja perfectamente en nuestra diversa comunidad: para los irlandeses cuyas vidas fueron tocadas por un cubano, y para los hispanos que colaboraron en la difusión de la fe.

Oro para que esta próxima Cuaresma sea verdaderamente un tiempo de gracia para usted y su familia.

Padre Christopher R Heanue
Párroco

Wednesday evening Lenten Programs, English and Spanish Lenten Recollections and other schedules for this Season of Lent will be announced next weekend.

Los programas de Cuaresma de los miércoles por la noche, los retiros de Cuaresma en inglés y español y otros horarios para esta temporada de Cuaresma se anunciarán el próximo fin de semana.

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TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Your tithes and contributions to St. Joan of Arc Church (weekly Sunday collections, holy days, other special parish and diocesan collections) **are tax deductible** under current IRS rules (our parish is a tax-exempt religious corporation in NY State). We keep **careful records of these contributions as long as they are identifiable (through our parish envelope system.** Unfortunately, anonymous and/or unlabeled donations are unidentifiable.

Just a reminder (to get full credit of your donations):

1. Please write the amounts of your donations on your offering envelopes.
2. Do not write anything or put stickers on the barcode of your offering envelopes.
3. Do not get your offering envelopes wet.
4. If you are using a regular envelope for your donations, make sure to write your name, address and envelope number and amount of your donation on it.

As we close our records, we should be able to generate reports of your contributions for the year 2025 (January 1 to December 31). Expect to receive them by mail in a couple of weeks. As always, we thank you for your support to St. Joan of Arc Church. God bless you!

Note: Those who donated \$500 and up will automatically get donation letters. Those who donated less can still get the letter upon request. Call parish office at (718)429-2333.

Those who donated through Give Central, will receive a letter from them.

High School FAITH & FELLOWSHIP Youth Night

Gathered with friends, united in prayer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:00 PM - 8:45 PM

What to expect

- + Ice Breakers & Games
- + Food
- + Worship & fellowship

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Lent is on the Horizon

Lent (from the Old English for "spring season") is the **40-day penitential season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** that begins on **Ash Wednesday** (February 18) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (April 2). It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. The three pillars of Lent are: **prayer, fasting and charitable works**. Lent was the Church's first "Liturgical Season" and was documented by the early 300s.

Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent are marked by abstaining from meat while Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days. Fasting is obligatory from 18 until 59 with a person permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller "sustenance." Upon reaching 14 one must abstain from meat. It is a time of penance and conversion with the goal of being closer to God and better prepared to encounter him on Easter than when Lent began on Ash Wednesday.

While the **baptized are renewing their baptismal commitment**, the elect take final steps for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Through the rituals of the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics conclude their time of learning and discernment encouraged by the faith community.

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FATHER FELIX VARELA

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Sunday, February 22
St. Juan of Arc Parish
School Gym
11:30am



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
URGENT: WARMING CENTERS AND SHELTERS OPEN IN NYC
PLEASE SHARE - LIVES ARE AT RISK

If you see someone in need of warmth,
***Call 911 and ask for "Homeless Outreach"**
***Or Call 911 if it is an emergency**
***Encourage them to go to the nearest Warming Center**

NYC Warming Center Locations & Resources

- NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Cumberland: 100 North Portland Avenue, Brooklyn (7 PM - 7 AM).
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, East New York: 2094 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn (7 PM - 7 AM).
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County: 451 Clarkson Ave, Brooklyn (7 PM - 7 AM).
- NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health: 2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn (7 PM - 7 AM).
- Warming Bus (Atlantic Terminal): Corner of 4th Avenue and Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn (24/7).
- Mainchance Drop-in Center: 120 East 32nd St.
- Olivieri Center for Homeless: 257 West 30th Street, Manhattan.
- Paul's Place: 114 West 14th Street, Manhattan.
- 9th Avenue Drop-in Center: 771 9th Avenue, Manhattan.

QUEENS

Warming Spaces (the following have warm spaces and food)

- * NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst: 79-01 Broadway (The building is open 24/7, but the warming center is open 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.)
- * NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Roosevelt: 37-50 72nd Street (open 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.)
- * NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens: 82-88 184th Street (The building is open 24/7, but the warming center is open 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.)

Warming Buses

- * Queens Drop-in Center (open 24/7): 100-32 Atlantic Avenue
- * Union Hall Drop-In Center (open 24/7): 92-32 Union Hall Street

BAPTISM / BAUTIZOS

In English 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in the Rectory six weeks in advance. Instructions are on the same day at 2:30PM.

Parents and godparents must attend. Godparents must be fully initiated. Catholics who practice their faith. Call parish office for questions.

En español el 4to domingo del mes a las 3:00PM. Los preparativos han de hacerse en la rectoría con seis semanas de anticipación. La instrucción es el mismo día a las 2:30PM, los padres y padrinos deben asistir. Los padrinos tienen que haber recibido los sacramentos de iniciación y ser católicos practicantes. Llama a la rectoría para más información.

OCIA (Order for Christian Initiation for Adults)

Program is for adults who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact the parish office for information.

OICA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

Programa para adultos que deseen recibir sus sacramentos de Bautismo, Eucaristía y/o Confirmación. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para obtener información.

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Call parish office for more information.

Arreglos deben hacerse con seis meses de anticipación. Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

Needle-craft Group

Happy New Year to you our friends of Needle craft Group members of St. Joan of Arc Parish. We all are excited to meet again to begin another year, 2026. Please come with your friends and join us to share your talents and God-given gifts with others and enjoy. Let us come and decide our future plans together.

First meeting is on Monday, February 9, 1:00 to 3:00pm at the Pastoral Ministry Office. No experience necessary. We teach and learn together.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday February 9	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm	Soul - Deirdre Leddy Soul - Joseph K.J. Souls - Jane & James O'Connor & Maria Irene Ledesma de Campo
Tuesday February 10	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm	Soul - Deirdre Leddy Soul - Vicente M. Lopez & Special intentions - Jovian Minguez Soul - Kilcoyne Family
Wednesday February 11	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm	Soul - Consuelo & Acevedo Garcia Special Intentions - Nicola Chen & Family Birthday - Bradley Chen
Thursday February 12	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Birthday - Chen Huang Yen Yun Thomas & Mary O'Connor Souls - Barbara, Bernie, Bob & Dennis Rowbo Soul - Graciela Lopez Trent
Friday February 13	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm	Soul - Darren Hough Birthday - Michael Sison Soul - Deirdre Leddy
Saturday February 14	9:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Maribel Leon Soul - Eloisa Jimenez
Sunday February 15	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 1:30pm 6:00pm	For the people of the Parish Community Mass Misa Comunitaria Birthday - Joseph Tobias & Soul - Lidija Krajić Soul - Osmani Guevara & Carmen Gomez

The Altar Candles for the week of February 9th is offered for:



Lonise & Domenick DeSantis by Carole DeSantis.

The Altar Flowers for the week of February 9th is offered for:



Baculina Family.

The Sanctuary Light for the week of February 9th is offered for:

in thanksgiving to the Blessed Sacrament by Maribel Leon.

