

RESURRECTION ASCENSION — OUR LADY OF THE ANGELUS PARISH

R.A. Roman Catholic Church
85-25 61st Road, Rego Park, NY 11374

Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat: 9am

Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm in English
Sunday: 9:30am in English
11:00am in English
12:30pm en Español

O.L.A. Roman Catholic Church
63-63 98th Street, Rego Park, NY 11374

Mass Schedule

Mon-Fri: 12pm Jueves: 7:30pm Sat: 9am

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm in English
Sunday: 9:30am in English
11:00am en Español
12:30pm in English

Two locations, one Rego Park Catholic parish family



Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2023

*“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”*
Luke 1:38

Letter from our Pastor—Carta de nuestro párroco

Dear Friends,

Christmas is nearly here! Can you believe it? We have once again drawn near to that great feast of Christ's birth. We need to ask ourselves, "What does the birth of Jesus mean for us today?" His first arrival was two thousand years ago—but his birth has a special message for us in our time and place.

What did the birth of Jesus mean for Mary and Joseph? We can only begin to imagine—we know Mary and Joseph encountered questions and doubts, threats and other challenges. Today's Gospel of the Annunciation cannot show us what goes through the mind of Mary when she contemplates the birth of Jesus. She and Joseph had a choice in how they would respond to the savior's birth. But it is clear that they welcomed him and they cared for him!

Can we do the same? Can we welcome our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and needy among us? Can we prepare a space in our hearts for the needs of a world which cries out for peace and justice, respect and care? Can we say with Mary that we are "servants of the Lord." May our homes and our hearts be prepared to celebrate with joy the coming of Christ in our day, the Prince of Peace!

A blessed Christmas to all!

Peace and blessings.

Fr. Tom

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Queridos amigos,



I am the
Handmaid
of the Lord

Yo soy la
esclava
del Señor

¡Ya casi llega la Navidad! ¿Pueden creerlo? Una vez más hemos llegado a esa gran fiesta del nacimiento de Cristo. Necesitamos preguntarnos: "¿Qué significa el nacimiento de Jesús para nosotros en estos momentos?" Su primera llegada fue hace dos mil años, pero su nacimiento tiene un mensaje especial para nosotros en nuestro propio tiempo y lugar, aquí y ahora.

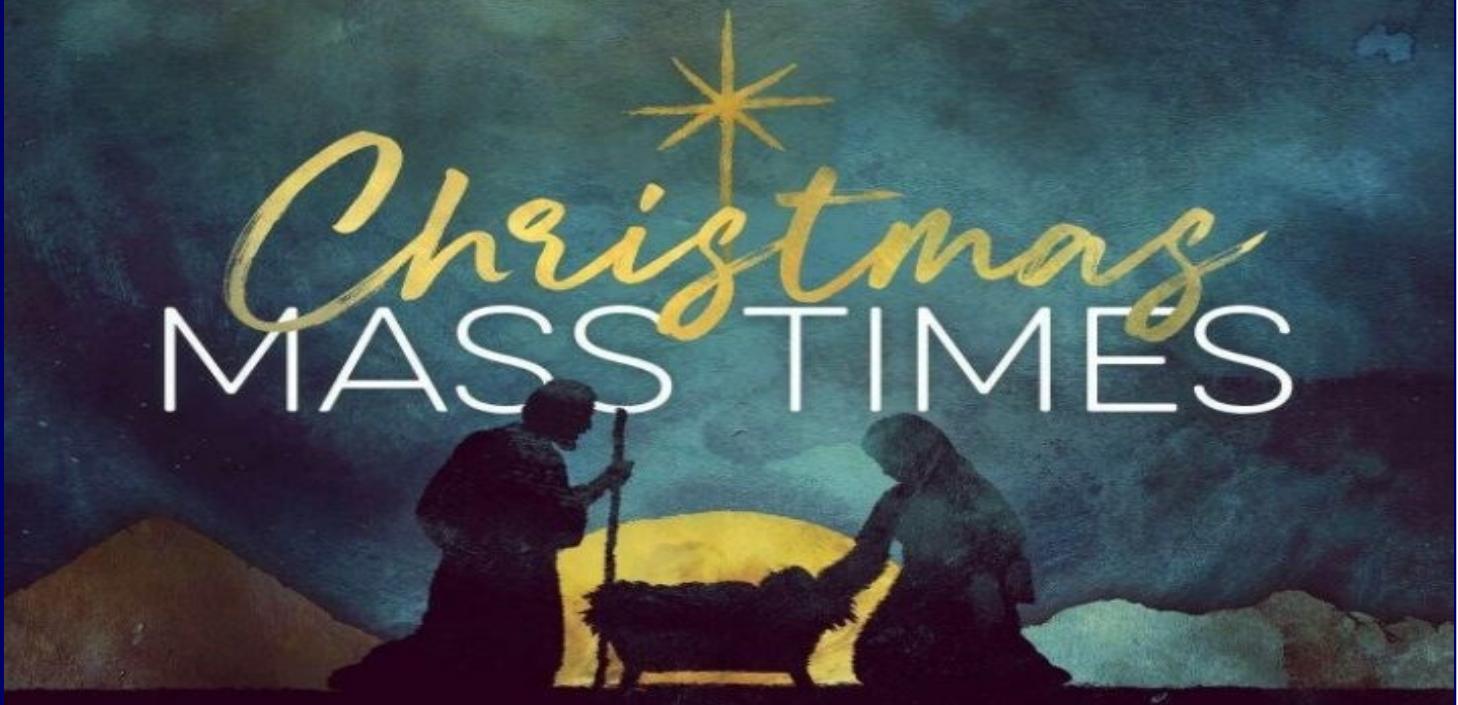
¿Qué significó el nacimiento de Jesús para María y José? No podemos ni siquiera empezar a imaginarlo: sabemos que María y José tuvieron preguntas y dudas, enfrentaron situaciones difíciles, grandes retos y otros desafíos. El Evangelio de la Anunciación que escuchamos hoy no nos muestra lo que pasó por la mente de la Virgen María, lo que ella pensó cuando contempla el nacimiento de Jesús. Ella y José tuvieron la opción de elegir cómo responderían al nacimiento del Salvador. ¡Pero lo que sí está claro es que ellos lo recibieron amorosamente y lo cuidaron!

¿Podemos nosotros hacer lo mismo? ¿Podemos acoger y ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente a los pobres y necesitados entre nosotros? ¿Podemos preparar un espacio en nuestro corazón para las necesidades de un mundo que clama por la paz y la justicia, el respeto y el cuidado? ¿Podemos decir con María que somos "esclavos del Señor"? ¡Oremos para que nuestros hogares y nuestros corazones estén preparados para celebrar con alegría la venida de Cristo en nuestros días, el Príncipe de Paz!

¡Una feliz Navidad llena de bendiciones para todos!

Paz y bendiciones,

Padre Tom



Christmas MASS TIMES

Horario de Misas de Navidad

Resurrection—Ascension

Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve
4:00 pm - English

Dec. 25th—Christmas Day
11 am - English
12:30 pm - Español

Our Lady of the Angelus

Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve
5:30 pm - English
11 pm - Bilingual

Dec. 25th—Christmas Day
11 am - Español
12:30 pm - English

**We hope you can join us
as we celebrate the birth of our Lord!**

**¡Los esperamos para celebrar
el nacimiento de nuestro Señor!**

Advent



We start the fourth week of Advent today! "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to remember why Jesus came to us at Christmas. On the fourth week, we light **the last purple candle**.

This candle symbolizes LOVE and it is called the "**Angel's Candle**." As we light this candle, we remember that within the Christmas story, angels function as messengers of God's love. The (optional) fifth candle represents light and purity and is called "**Christ's Candle**." This candle is white to represent pure light and victory. It is placed in the middle and lit on Christmas Day.

¡Hoy comenzamos la cuarta semana de Adviento! "Adviento" significa "llegada" o "venida" y nos invita a recordar por qué vino Jesús al mundo en Navidad. En la cuarta semana, encendemos **la última vela púrpura. Esta vela simboliza el AMOR** y se le llama la "**Vela del Ángel**".

Al encender esta vela, recordamos que en la historia de la Navidad, los ángeles sirven como mensajeros del amor de Dios. La quinta vela (opcional) representa la luz y la pureza y se llama "**Vela de Cristo**". Esta vela es blanca para representar la luz pura y la victoria. Se coloca en el medio de la corona y se enciende el día de Navidad.



SOLEMNITY of the NATIVITY of the LORD

SUNDAY, December 25th



Glory to God in
the highest, and
on earth peace to
those on whom his
favor rests.

– The Holy Gospel
According to St. Luke
2:14

During this season, we celebrate Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We pray that these blessings fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. We are very grateful to God for all our parishioners, and we wish you all a Blessed Christmas!

Durante esta temporada, celebramos la Esperanza, la Paz, el Gozo y el Amor. Pedimos a Dios para que estas bendiciones llenen su vida en esta Navidad y siempre.
¡Estamos muy agradecidos con Dios por todos nuestros feligreses y les deseamos a todos una muy Feliz Navidad!



**Our Rectories will be closed on
Monday, December 25th**
Merry Christmas to all!

**Nuestras Rectorías estarán cerradas
el el lunes 25 de diciembre**
iMuy feliz Navidad para todos!

A Word of Gratitude

Thank you so much to all who contributed to our Giving Tree—Toy Collection!

Your generosity made it possible for us to help families in need during this special season.

Thank you for your support.



Unas Palabras de Agradecimiento

¡Muchas gracias a todos los que contribuyeron a nuestra colecta de juguetes!

Su generosidad hizo posible que pudiéramos ayudar a familias necesitadas durante esta temporada especial.

Muchas gracias por su apoyo.



Blessing of a Manger

**Heavenly Father,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us
of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us
and Savior of all,
who lives and reigns
forever and ever.
R/. Amen.**

Bendición del Pesebre

**Padre Celestial,
bendice a todos los que
rezan a este pesebre;
que nos recuerde el humilde
nacimiento de Jesús,
y que elevemos nuestros
pensamientos hacia El,
quien es Dios con nosotros
y Salvador de todos,
que vive y reina
por los siglos de los siglos.
R /. Amén.**

From the Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

**New Year's Mass Schedule
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

**Horario de Misas para Año Nuevo
Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios**

Resurrection-Ascension

Jan. 1st —New Year's Day
11:00am in English
12:30pm en Español

Our Lady of the Angelus

Jan. 1st —New Year's Day
11:00am en Español
12:30pm in English

*We hope you can join us!
¡Los esperamos!*



Feliz Navidad

Estamos agradecidos con

Dios por nuestra familia parroquial, Dios les bendiga

RESURRECTION ASCENSION—OUR LADY OF THE ANGELUS PARISH

R.A. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

R.A. YOUTH MINISTRY

8th to 12th Grade

Saturdays 2:30 pm – 4 pm in Fr. Feely Hall

CHOIR PRACTICE

Spanish: Miércoles 6:30—7 pm

English: Wednesdays 7:15—8:30 pm

Junior Choir: Wednesdays 3:15—4 pm

GRUPO DE ORACION

“SIERVOS DE DIOS VIVIENTE”

Martes - 7 pm en Fr. Feely Hall

DIVINE MERCY – in the church

Thursdays after the 9 am Mass

SOLANUS GUILD

Fridays -7 pm Chapel at Fr. Feely Hall

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays after the 9 am Mass

and First Fridays at 7 pm

ESTUDIO BIBLICO

Viernes a las 7 pm en Fr. Feely Garden Room

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Second Thursdays at 8 pm -Fr. Feely Hall

DEVOCION AL DIVINO NIÑO JESUS

Misa y Novena el primer domingo
del mes de Octubre a Junio -12:30 pm

INDONESIAN MASS

Second Sunday of the month at 2 pm

CYO SPORTS

For children—grades K - 8th

FOOD PANTRY

Wednesdays 10 am – 11:30 am

Please call the rectory to confirm schedules.

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY
718- 426-4963 raschool443@aol.com www.racatholicacademy.org

Save the Date!

If you are interested in registration for the 2023-2024 school year, please go to our website racatholicacademy.org and register for an Open House on our Welcome Wednesdays in January! We will be happy to share information about our school and take you on a tour of our building. We will be available on Wednesday, January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. We will also have an Open House on Sunday, January 28th. For more information, please call the school office at 718-426-4963.

Our Holy Moment this week is to name two things you like about yourself. Each of our children is unique and wonderful. We teach them to embrace the things that make them the special children they are!

O.L.A. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

O.L.A. YOUTH MINISTRY

8th to 12th Grade

Fridays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

CHOIR PRACTICE

English: Mondays 6:30—7:30 pm

Spanish: Lunes 7:30—8:30 pm

GRUPO DE ORACION “LA ANUNCIACION”

Jueves, 7 - 9:30 pm— Misa 7:30 pm

DIVINE MERCY MASS & NOVENA

First Fridays at 7 pm

GRUPO DE ORACION DE PAREJAS UNIDOS EN EL AMOR

Primer domingo - Misa y Grupo 6 pm, iglesia

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays 10 am– 12 pm

3er jueves después de la Misa de 7:30 pm

Saturdays after the 9 am Mass

DEVOCION AL DIVINO NIÑO JESUS

Misa y Novena segundo viernes - 7 pm

SENIORS GROUP

Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall

FILIPINO MASS

Third Sunday of the month at 3 pm

CURSILLOS DE CRISTIANDAD

Ultreya jueves - 6 pm en el Parish Hall

CENACULOS DE ORACION

Sábados de 7 a 8:30 pm en la Iglesia

FOOD PANTRY

2 Saturdays a month 8 am – 9 am

Please join us! Los invitamos a participar!



RESURRECTION ASCENSION
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

RESURRECTION ASCENSION—OUR LADY OF THE ANGELUS PARISH

R.A. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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718-424-5212 Email: rarectory@gmail.com
www.rachurch.net

Rectory Office Hours:

61-11 85th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379

Monday-Friday: 9 am - noon & 1 - 5 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Religious Education Phone: 718-533-7898

Religious Education email: rareled238@gmail.com

Rectory Staff

Debbie Gross, *Administrative Assistant/Receptionist*
Nelsi Kumar, *Religious Education Secretary/Receptionist*
Kathy Balsamo & Tanya Lopez, *Receptionists*

Confessions: Saturdays 11-11:30 am, in English and Spanish in the rectory office.

O.L.A. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

63-63 98th Street, Rego Park, NY 11374
718-897-4444 Email: olarectory@gmail.com
ourladyoftheangelus-queens.org

Rectory Office Hours:

63-63 98th Street, Rego Park, NY 11374

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9 am -noon & 1 - 5 pm

Thursday: 9 am-noon & 1 - 6:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Religious Education Phone: 718-896-4388

Rel Ed email: ourladyoftheangelusreled@gmail.com

Rectory Staff

Martha Hernandez, *Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper*
Maryorie Lopez, *Religious Ed Secretary/Receptionist*
Nelsi Kumar, Angelina Guzman, & Isabella Zegarra, *Receptionists*

Confessions: Saturdays 4:15—5:15 pm, in English and Spanish in the rectory office.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Thomas G. Pettei, *Pastor*

Rev. Johnson Nedungadan, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Msgr. Denis Herron, *In Residence*

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Thelen, *Weekend Presider*

Rev. Basilio Monteiro, *Weekend Presider*

Deacon Edwin Cancel, *Parish Deacon*

Sr. Xaveriana Ngene, SSpS, *Religious Education*

Mrs. Ana Puente, *Business Manager/Pastoral Associate*

Mrs. Joann Heppt, *Academy Principal RACA*

Mr. Steven Petersen, *Director of Music, RA*—Ms. Jane Lawson, *Director of Music, OLA*

Mrs. Soribel Petersen, *Youth Minister, RA*—Ms. Jennifer Sotolongo, *Youth Minister, OLA*

The Sacrament of Baptism: Once per month in English and Spanish. Call either rectory for schedule and information. Bautizos una vez al mes, llamen a las rectorías para información y horario.

The Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Call us for more information. Arreglos para el Matrimonio deben hacerse al menos 6 meses antes de la boda. Llame a nuestras oficinas para más información.

Anointing and Communion for the sick: Call us with name and address of the person in need.

Llamen a la rectoría con el nombre y la dirección de la persona que necesita la Unción de los Enfermos.

Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please talk to one of our priests or sisters.

Si usted siente el llamado a la vocación sacerdotal, vida religiosa o el diaconado, por favor hable con uno de nuestros sacerdotes o hermanas religiosas.



Your Contributions for 12/16—17

Sunday Collections: \$9,484

Online contributions: \$2,453

Thank you for your generosity!



R. A. Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

4:00pm Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Monday, December 25th—Christmas

11:00am Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

12:30pm Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00am Al Grogan, req by his wife Bridie

Wednesday, December 27th

9:00am health and intentions of Johnny Shen (b'day), req by his father Athanatius Shen

Thursday, December 28th

9:00am Tony and Breege McCloat (ann), req by her sister Mary Harrington and family

Friday, December 29th

9:00am Patrick, Abina and Gerard Harrington, req by their son and brother John Harrington and family

Saturday, December 30th

9:00am -for the people of the parish
-for souls in purgatory, req by Tina Panas
-all priests and new vocations, req by Tina Panas

4:00 deceased members of the McCabe family; Jane, John Brendan, John Jr. and Brian Jr., req by Brenda and Tom

Sunday, December 31st

9:30am in thanksgiving, req by the Balsamo family

11:00am deceased members of the O'Dea family, req by their family

12:30pm Julio Lopez, req by his family

BREAD & WINE AND MEMORIALS

The **Bread and Wine** will be used this week in loving memory of **Liberato Catuogno**, as requested by Donald and Maureen Kelly.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in loving memory of the **McNulty family**, as requested by Angie McCarthy.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Tony and Breege McCloat (ann)**, as requested by her sister Mary Harrington and family.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Anne and Patrick O'Dea and sons Patrick and Joseph**, as requested by the O'Dea family.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in loving memory of **Patrick Ducey, Jr. (birthday)**, as requested by his family.

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Gloria Abene
Barbara Balsamo
Virginia Briguglio
Kiernan Colleary
Jorge Fahardo
Msgr. Vincent Fullam
Mary Heenan
Ursula Impelli
James Leung
Mary Ellen Lustberg
Nora Lydon
Jean Maffia

Tony Montenegro
Frank Morrissey
Paula Narva
Jacobo Noguera, Jr.
Nora O'Connor
Florence Oliveri
Edna Ortegon
Marcel Radonicic
Barbara Ravert
Vicencia Josephine Riyanto
Maria Eugenia Rodriguez
Joe Sardo

Deceased: Jayne Herrion, Agripina Chocce

Happening at R.A.

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4pm English Mass with Junior Choir

Monday, December 25th—Christmas Day
Rectory Closed - All Facilities Closed

11:00 am English Mass
12:30 pm Misa en Español

Tuesday, December 26th
Spanish Prayer Group 7pm FFH
Basketball Practice 5pm Gym

Wednesday, December 27th
Food Pantry Closed
No Junior, Spanish or English Choir Practices
Basketball Practice 5pm Gym

Thursday, December 28th
Divine Mercy/Exposition after 9am Mass
Basketball Practice 5pm Gym

Friday, December 29th
No Spanish Bible Study Group
Basketball Practice 5pm Gym

Saturday, December 30th
No Youth Group
Spanish Service Group 3pm FFH

Sunday, December 31st
Rectory Closed
No Sunday School

Please Note:

The food pantry at RA will be closed on Wednesday, December 27th and will re-open on Wednesday, January 3rd.



O. L. A. Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 24th– Christmas Eve

5:30 pm Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

11:00 pm Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Monday, December 25th—Christmas

11:00 am Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

12:30 pm Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Tuesday, December 26th

12:00 pm +Gonzalez Daulo req by Maria Daulo

Wednesday, December 27th

12:00 pm +Raphael Ho req by Agatha Shen

Thursday, December 28st

12:00 pm +Marcelle Hippolyte req by Fred Hippolyte

7:30 pm +Marlene Jimenez req by Fam. Martinez & Calixto

Friday, December 29th

12:00 pm Glenison DMonte (B'day) req by Prichard Family

Saturday, December 30th

9:00 am +Jose Navarro req by Maria Daulo

5:30pm +Joseph Wahlquist req by Rosy Paredes

Sunday, December 31st

9:30 am +Manuel & Rosenda Paredes req by Rosy Paredes

11:00 am Misa Colectiva

+Jose Franjul (9th month) req by Familia

+Arcadio Ponce de Leon req by Fidel Ponce de Leon

+Lilia Hernandez req by Family

+Bill & Margo Carnevale req by Family

12:30 pm +The Kane family intentions req by Deborah Kane

Please remember in your prayers
those who are sick:

Julia Apotheker
Luisa De Manrique
Sandra Gutierrez
Victor Hernandez
Rosemary Ng
Chala Peters

Annette Reyes
Gustavo Santisteban
Omar Santisteban
Carmen Silverman
Aquilino Vazquez
Yvonne Villena

Deceased: Giovanni Ramos Rocero

BREAD & WINE AND MEMORIALS

The **Bread and Wine** will be used this week in loving memory of **George Horvath** req by Yolanda Horvath.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** this week are in loving memory of **Barbara Egas'** 4th dear anniversary req by her husband Hugo Egas.

Happening at OLA

Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

5:30 pm English Mass

11:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Monday December 25th -Christmas Day

Rectory Closed - All facilities closed

11:00 am Misa en Español

12:30 pm English Mass

Wednesday December 27th

Senior Group after 12 Noon Mass, Hall

Thursday December 28th

Cursillo de Cristiandad 6:00 pm, Hall

Rosario 7:00 pm

Misa 7:30 pm seguida del Grupo de Oracion

Saturday December 30th

No Religious Education class

Eucharistic Adoration – after 9:00 am Mass

Cenáculos 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Church

Sunday December 31st

No RCIA class

Our 2024 calendars are available, please pick up your copy!

**¡Nuestros calendarios del 2024 están disponibles,
no se olviden de tomar su copia!**