



# St. Joan of Arc Parish



St. Patrick, Harper



Sacred Heart, Anthony

Immaculate Conception, Danville

## Our Clergy

Fr. Bhaskar Mendam  
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## Mass Schedule

Spanish Mass:	4:00 pm	Harper
Saturday Vigil:	6:00 pm	
Sunday:	8:00 am	
	11:00 am	
Tuesday:	5:00 pm	Danville
Wednesday:	8:00 am	Harper
	5:30 pm	Anthony
Thursday:	8:00 am	Harper
Friday:	10:00 am	see schedule

## Adoration

Tuesday 4:00-5:00 pm Danville  
Wednesday: 4:30-5:30 pm Anthony  
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 am Harper

## Reconciliation:

**30 minutes before Weekend Masses**  
**Weekday: During Adoration or by Appointment**

**Parish Secretary: Maxine Olivier**  
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**Mentor Couple: Francis & Lori Drouhard**  
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## New to the Parish:

*Welcome to St. Joan of Arc! If you are new to our Parish, we are glad you are here. Please contact the Parish office to fill out a parishioner registration form.*

## From Father Mendam:

**Learning the Vows: A Path to Freedom:** During this time, I came to understand the evangelical counsels—poverty, chastity, and obedience—not as sacrifices imposed from outside, but as gifts shaping an undivided heart. Poverty taught me to rely not on possessions, but on providence. Chastity opened my heart to love more broadly and selflessly. Obedience trained me to listen—to God, to the Church, and to the needs of the mission—trusting that God speaks through these channels.

Obedience, in particular, revealed itself as a discipline of listening. It was not about losing one's voice, but about tuning the heart to recognize God's will even when it challenged personal preference. Slowly, I learned that God's plans are often larger and more beautiful than our own.

### Formation as God's Patient Work

Looking back now, I see that formation was not something I completed—it was something God patiently accomplished within me. It was a time of being shaped more than doing, of receiving more than producing. Those hidden years, often unnoticed and unseen, became the solid foundation upon which every later ministry would stand.

Formation taught me that priesthood is not sustained by talent or activity alone, but by a deep interior life, rooted in prayer and nourished by grace. It prepared me not only to preach or administer sacraments, but to remain faithful, especially in times of difficulty, loneliness, or uncertainty.

Even today, as a pastor, I recognize that formation never truly ends. God continues to form the priest through the people he serves, through challenges that stretch him, and through daily fidelity to prayer and sacrament. On June 10, 1994, at Salesianum, Visakhapatnam, I made my first religious profession, surrendering my life through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. These were not restrictions, but pathways to freedom, shaping my heart to trust God more fully.

### Formation in Responsibility and Trust

The third stage of my formation led me to Suvidya College, Bangalore, where my journey entered a new and demanding phase. Here, formation took on a different character. While prayer and studies

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday 2/7/2026

4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: People of the Parish

6:00pm Danville: +Josephine LaGrange  
*Debbie LaGrange*

### Sunday 2/8/2026

8:00am Harper: +Dan Bonham  
*Max & Yvonne Shippy*

11:00am Anthony: +Kitty Happ  
*Steve & Cheryl Adelhardt*

### Monday 2/9/2026

8:00am Harper: Special Intension of Fr Mendam  
*Ordination Anniversary*

### Tuesday 2/10/2026

4:00pm Adoration Danville  
5:00pm Mass Danville: Linda Francis  
*Larry & Maxine Olivier*

### Wednesday 2/11/2026

8:00am Harper: +Cheryl Stark  
  
4:30pm Adoration Anthony  
5:30pm Mass Anthony: +Mary Ann Elmore  
*Leon & Sharon Drouhard*

### Thursday 2/12/2026

7:00am Adoration Harper  
8:00am Mass Harper: +Joe Blubaugh  
*Sam & Susan Drouhard*

### Friday 2/13/2026

10:00am Anrhony CC: +Dan Bonham  
*Allen & Debbie Francis*

### Saturday 2/14/2026

4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: People of the Parish

6:00pm Anthony: +Sue Moyer  
*Allen & Debbie Francis*

### Sunday 2/15/2026

8:00am Danville: +Carter Townsend  
*Rob & Rhonda Anderson*  
11:00am Harper: +Leon Drouhard  
*John & Barb Lieszler*

## Liturgical Ministries:

### Saturday 2/14/2026:

#### 6:00pm Anthony:

Greeters: Mike & Jan Laine  
Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton  
Lector: Katie Christenson  
EMHC: Kathryn Duran  
Servers: Faith & Jalyn Kohler

### Sunday 2/15/2026:

#### 8:00am Danville:

Greeters: Roger & Jill Drouhard  
Rosary Leader: Francis Drouhard  
Lector: Larry Olivier  
EMHC: Lori Drouhard  
Servers: Clara Ballard & Chloe Ballard  
Money Counters: Randy & Debra Blanchat & Lori

#### 11:00am Harper:

Greeters: Scott & Marcy Easter  
Rosary Leader: Volunteer  
Lectors: Keith Depenbusch  
EMHC: Cathy LaCount  
Servers: Josie & Judd Easter

### Saturday 2/21/2026:

#### 6:00pm Harper:

Greeters: Kim & Cathy LaCount  
Rosary Leader: Irene Martin  
Lector: Elaine Esparza  
EMHC: Mary Ellen Konkel  
Servers: Volunteers

### Sunday 2/22/2026:

#### 8:00am Anthony:

Greeters: Jim Eaton & Rex Osborn  
Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton  
Lector: Stasha McClure  
EMHC: Amanda Goebel  
Servers: Heath & Saddie Goebel

#### 11:00am Danville:

Greeters: Larry & Maxine Olivier  
Rosary Leader: Carolyn Moore  
Lectors: Wayne & Diane Drouhard  
EMHC: Francis Drouhard  
Servers: Carter & Conner Hern  
Money Counters: Diane Drouhard & Carolyn Moore

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commemorating the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of his ordination at an 8:00 am Mass  
on Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Please come and celebrate with him.

## PARISH GIVING

Estimate Weekly Expense: \$5,192.31

Last Week Collection: \$4,745.93

As of week 31 of Fiscal year 2025/2026

+ - YTD: **-(*\$1,801.41*)**

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remained central, there was now greater freedom accompanied by greater responsibility. This stage was designed to test not only academic ability, but maturity, reliability, and readiness for priestly leadership.

My studies continued in Philosophy, alongside a secular Graduation degree in Sociology, Political Science, and Economics. These disciplines widened my vision, helping me understand human society, social structures, and the realities that shape people's lives. Philosophy trained my mind to seek truth with clarity and discipline, while the social sciences grounded me in the real struggles and aspirations of the world I would one day serve as a priest.

Life at Suvidya College was intentionally demanding. Along with lectures, exams, and personal study, we were entrusted with concrete responsibilities that contributed to the daily life of the formation house. This was not simply work—it was a way of learning accountability, service, and collaboration.

I was appointed **Master of Ceremonies (MC)** for liturgical celebrations, a role that required careful preparation, attention to detail, and reverence for the sacred. Through this service, I learned that liturgy is not performance, but prayer shaped by order and beauty. Every gesture, word, and silence had meaning, and I grew in respect for the Church's worship.

I was also placed in charge of the computer section, overseeing the typing and preparation of academic and administrative work for professors and the formation house. This responsibility demanded organization, patience, and reliability. Deadlines had to be met, accuracy was essential, and others depended on my work. In quiet, unseen ways, this taught me that ministry often unfolds behind the scenes, where faithfulness matters more than recognition.

Additionally, I served on the College Bulletin Committee, working alongside the priest in charge, and participated in various other activities essential to the smooth functioning of the college. We were also regularly called upon to lead prayer services, guide meditations, and reflect on Sacred Scripture. Preparing and conducting these moments of prayer deepened my own spiritual life, teaching me that one can lead others only by first allowing oneself to be led by God's Word.

All of these responsibilities were not distractions from formation—they were integral to it. They tested whether we could balance prayer, study, and service, and whether we could be trusted with tasks that required consistency and commitment. Formation, at this stage, was asking a quiet but serious question: Can you be faithful in small things, even when no one is watching?

### **A Moment of Deep Sorrow and Grace**

In the midst of my second year, my formation was interrupted by a moment of profound sorrow. Early in the morning of March 18, 1996, I received the heartbreak news that my father had passed away. The shock was overwhelming. Being far from home, immersed in studies and responsibilities, the loss struck deeply and suddenly. For a time, everything seemed to stand still. Grief has a way of testing faith in ways no classroom ever can. I struggled to regain my rhythm of prayer and daily discipline. Questions arose, emotions weighed heavily, and the path forward felt uncertain. Yet it was precisely in that moment of weakness that I experienced the quiet strength of God's grace.

Through the compassionate support of my formators, superiors, and fellow seminarians, and through prayer that often felt more like silence than words, I slowly found my footing again. God did not remove the pain, but He gave me the grace to carry it. That loss deepened my understanding of human suffering and planted in my heart a compassion that would later shape my pastoral ministry.

By God's grace, I was able to return to my formation with renewed determination. I completed my Graduation Degree in Philosophy and my secular degree in Sociology, Political Science, and Economics, carrying with me not only academic knowledge, but a heart marked by loss, trust, and resilience.

Looking back now, I see that this stage of formation taught me something essential: a priest must learn to serve not only from strength, but also from woundedness. God was forming me not just through success and responsibility, but through sorrow—teaching me to rely on Him when my own strength was not enough.

### **4th Stage of Formation Regency: Learning to Serve with Maturity**

The fourth stage of my formation, known as Regency, was a decisive year that bridged classroom formation and future pastoral ministry. Lasting one full year 1997-1998, Regency is a time when a seminarian steps more fully into the lived reality of priestly life. During this period, we are placed in communities, parishes, schools, and minor seminaries, living closely with priests and sharing in their daily responsibilities. It is a year designed to test not what we know, but who we are becoming.

Regency brought with it greater independence and accountability. Supervision remained, but trust was intentionally given. The Church, in her wisdom, uses this stage to see whether a candidate can integrate prayer, responsibility, and service in a balanced and mature way. It was a time when formation moved from theory into practice, from instruction into lived experience.

I was appointed to serve in a minor seminary, a place that had once formed me and now invited me to give back. One of my primary responsibilities was teaching the seminarians about the life of our Founder, and our patron Saint St. Francis de Sales, and about the mission and works of our congregation. In sharing the story of our charism, I found myself rediscovering it anew. Teaching others deepened my own love for the gentle spirituality of our Founder and strengthened my sense of belonging to the congregation.

**To Be Continued.....**

## Announcements & Events

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for our Adopt-A-Seminarian Program after all Masses the weekend of Feb 7th & 8th. Our goal is to adopt 5 seminarians at \$500.00 each.

St Cecilia Altar Guild will meet Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Please plan to attend if you can.

WEDNESDAY, Feb 11th, the ST JOAN OF ARC ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will be held after the 5:30 PM mass in Anthony. This is a makeup meeting. Hope to see you there!

The St Cecilia Altar Guild will deep-clean the kitchen in Harper on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, Feb 12th and 13th, from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM on both days. All help will be greatly appreciated! Work when you can.

Immaculate Conception Altar Guild meeting Monday, February 16th at 6:30 pm following Mary Mantle Rosary at 6:00 pm

**Valentine Party and Movie for K-6 on Sunday, February 15th, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at St. Patrick's church basement, Harper. Enjoy Valentine treats, popcorn, beverages and the movie "Happy Feet"! Bring a friend and have a Sunday afternoon of friendship and fun.**

Father Mendam will be commemorating the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination at an 8:00 am Mass on Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Please come and celebrate with him.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

**Knight of Columbus Fish Fries**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup> Blue Fair Barn**  
**March 6<sup>th</sup> Blue Fair Barn**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> Danville School**

**Please remember in your daily prayers:** *Members of our Parish and Parish family:* Sarah Andrews, Sharon Barton, Corky Befort, Justin Befort, Nicholas Blanchat, Kris Brewster, Ursula Cage, Shaily Calderon, Valerie Campbell, Diane Cashier, Michelle Coleman, Mary Ann Conrad, Barbara Conrad, Tracy Cox, Rob & Pattie Drake, Cami Drouhard, Suzanne Drouhard, Brian Ede, David Esparza, Justin, Kelci & Tyce Fagan, Harriette Fox, Todd Francis, Byron Graff RIP, Natalie Graves, Nancy Greve, Lisa Hamon, Frank Hargett, Angela Hemberger, Becky Wedman Hernandez, Bill Hoffmann, Jim Hoffmann, Kasey Hunter, Gary Jacobs, Kent Jarnigan, June Kastens, David Konkel, Gary Konkel, Lori Konkel, Kathy Lamb, Judy Mans, Anita Marstall, Shirley Martin, Pam McCaslin, Paula McMullin, Larry & Susan Moritz, Bill Muckenthaler, Debra Olds, Dick Olivier, Larry Oller, Ed Preston, Karma Redgate, Delmar Ricke, Marian Rottinghaus, Gary Shinliver, Fred Smith, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Sherry Warner, Lori Wilcox, Lisa Wininger

### LOOKING AHEAD ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18th

#### MASS TIMES

7:00am Harper

12:00 noon Danville

5:30pm Anthony

#### STAY CONNECTED

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### THERE MAY BE AN END IN SIGHT

The elevator installation company and all inspectors are scheduled to be here, the week of Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, to complete installation, inspection and have the elevator ready for use.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday- Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

### **BULLETIN INFO**

The Weekly Bulletin of St. Joan of Arc is published in house. All bulletin announcements and prayer requests need to be to the Parish office by Wednesday