



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1~2, 2026



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MASSSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am
Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)

Wednesdays – in Church
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration
4:30pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Families are asked to contact the office before the
arrival of your new child for instructions and
registration.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 4:30pm in Church
Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

We celebrate Christian love and family with the
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact
the office one year in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to
receive this beautiful Sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register
online at www.hnojchurch.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 145

Second Reading:
Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



*All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, buy grain and eat;
Come, buy grain
without money,
wine and milk without cost.
Isaiah 55:1-3*

Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 08/03	Tues 08/04	Wednesday 08/05	Thursday 08/06	Friday 08/07	Saturday 08/08	Sunday 08/09
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Joseph Kmec <i>r/b Anna Leszczynski and family</i> <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the Day +William Daly <i>r/b children, Sharon and James Daly</i> <i>Services celebrated in Church</i>	7:30am Mass +James and Therese Zietkowski Ontko <i>r/b Dennis and Sallianne Prebensen</i> <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am-2:00pm	2:30-3:30pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass +Lena and Michael Dlugokenski <i>r/b Jayne Staffey and family</i>	7:30am Mass +Lena S. and William DiVasto And The Deceased of the Parish 10:00am Mass + Kathleen Surrette <i>r/b Larry and Mary Ann Wells</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS



4:00pm **+Joseph and Marion Gresko**
And the Deceased of the Parish

7:30am **+Joseph Kmec**

10:00am **+Stephanie Peterson and James Perry**

Please remember in prayer, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders...All who suffer from violence and Injustice...All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. All names and intentions listed in the prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual Shrine....And for all who have died.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

Prayerful support for the homebound and hospitalized

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Joseph Kmec

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

Health & Blessings for Charles Rader

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Christine Biesadecki

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For all suffering from natural disasters

St Michael Candle *For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus*



In today's Gospel which points out the needs of the people and distributing food to them, Matthew emphasizes the ministerial role of disciples. What are some of the ministries connected with the Eucharist?

***What are good reasons for making a commitment to one of these ministries? *How do you feed people by being a Reader, An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Greeter and so forth?**

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. For more information on serving as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) talk to Fr. Jim



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Our terrific Greeters presented Forget Me Not seeds after Mass. The Forget Me Not flower is the Official Flower for Grandparents.

It symbolizes true love, remembrance and respect, representing the deep, unbreakable bond and lifelong devotion between grandchildren and their grandparents. **Saints Ann & Joachim Grandparents of Jesus, Pray For Us!**



If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit to receive Communion or an anointing, please call the parish office.

Our Grateful Thanks!



During the World Cup Game between Argentina and Spain our friends at **Dulce De Leche** Argentine Bakery collected donations in Thanksgiving to God for the success of their bakery and gifted the very generous proceeds to our parish.

¡muchas gracias!

Be sure to visit and enjoy delicious empanadas, breakfast sandwiches, coffees and desserts and meet Laura, Diego, Thomas, Mathew, Kathy, Rosa and Carmen.
1769 Broadbridge Ave,
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The Hopeful Mysteries of the Rosary, *for a world in need of Hope...*

The Hopeful Mysteries of the Rosary



The idea of the five (5) Hopeful Mysteries was conceived by a local parishioner in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. He proposed the idea to the Diocese where it was received with prayerful discernment and the reflections were honed and checked for theological accuracy. After much thought and review, Bishop William Wack granted his Imprimatur & declaration of Nihil Obstat (that there are no obstacles to the Faith in the document). It was Bishop Wack's intention to clarify that the Diocese is not promulgating a new set of universal mysteries but proposing the worthiness of a devotion that has emerged in the local Church of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Approval by the local Bishop, along with the Imprimatur, means that the Hopeful Mysteries are worthy of pious devotion anywhere. The mysteries are just not given a "universal promotion" at this point, as happened when Pope St John Paul the Great promulgated the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary in the year 2002. If indeed it is God's will that interest in the Hopeful Mysteries grows organically over time and is adopted by the faithful, then Divine Providence will have once again kindly given to the flock some great consolation

that they were deeply in need of. In a post-Covid world, many people are struggling with hopelessness. It could be that the Hopeful Mysteries restores a sense of hope in the hearts of God's people and leads to a flourishing of this most joyful theological virtue.

WHAT ARE THE HOPEFUL MYSTERIES?

The First Hopeful Mystery: Creation Original Sin and the "First Gospel"

The Second Hopeful Mystery: The Flood God's Universal Covenant

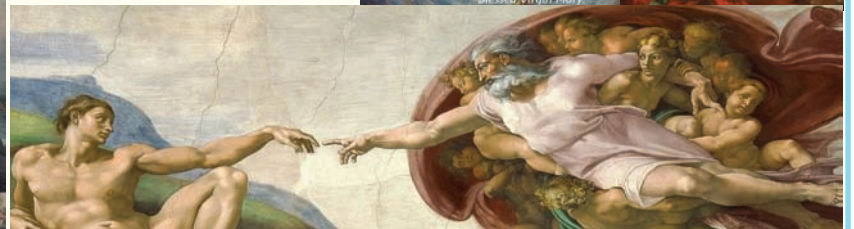
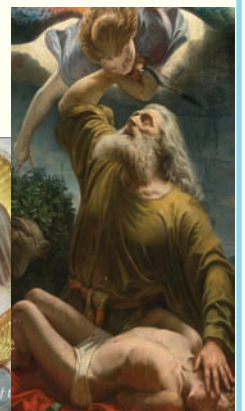


The Third Hopeful Mystery: Abraham's Sacrifice God's Promise of Fruitfulness

The Fourth Hopeful Mystery: Passover God Saves His People, the Exodus

The Fifth Hopeful Mystery: The Immaculate Conception God Prepares a Mother for His Son

<https://ptdiocese.org/thehopeful-mysteries-of-the-rosary>



Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH July 25-26

Sunday	\$	2,056.00
Monthly	\$	55.00
Other	\$	85.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF July 20-26

Sunday	\$	512.00
Monthly	\$	170.00
Annual	\$	80.00

ONLINE GIVING - July 20-26

Sunday	\$	312.00
Other	\$	55.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	3,325.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$3,511



Online Giving is a great way to ensure seamless parish support when you are away from home this summer. Visit the church website hnojchurch.org and click on the Online Giving icon on the left hand side of the page to create your account.

Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesdays 4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass



Aug 1-2 Parish Nurses

Aug 3, 17, 21 CT FoodShare—
HNoJ parking lot 9:15-10:15am

Aug 10 Lord's Kitchen

Aug 15 Men's Reflection Group

Aug 15-16 Coffee And...

Aug 29-30 Monthly Food Collection



MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP -
Upcoming Date: Saturday August 15

Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room—Reflections on the Readings at 8:00- 9:00am.



Bible Study with Fr. Jim
will resume in the fall.
Dates to follow!



Regular August offertory envelopes also include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Assumption, Air Conditioning and HNoJ Annual Collection Parish Campus Safety repairs



QUARTER NIGHT ~ September 18



Back by popular demand!

To make our fall Quarter Night a big success we are asking for your help! Donations are now being accepted—Gift Cards, Monetary donations, Lottery Tickets, New Items and Bottles of Cheer will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or at a weekend Mass. Call the office with any questions—thank you for your support of this Fun and Profitable Parish FundRaiser!



HNoJ Parish Annual Collection



Our 2026/2027 HNoJ Parish Annual Collection envelope is included in the July envelope mailing. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 to help repair several areas of the church ground including the handicap ramp to the Church, sidewalks, staircases and railings at the church, hall and parish office. We want

all our parishioners to feel safe and comfortable when entering and leaving the grounds. Your generosity will help ensure that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for all. **Current donations total \$3,511**



Thank you for your generous gifts to the Co-Op Mission Collection. Our parish contributed \$1,031.00 helping to support priests and parishes around the world in their ministry and service. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers as, together, we continue to build the Kingdom of God.



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. To register contact: Sharon Colihan at 203.416.1454 or Sharoncolihan@diobpt.org

September Parish Tag Sale



Our Parish Tag Sale will be held on:

Saturday, September 26
9am to 2pm And
Sunday, September 27
11am to 1pm

More details to follow!

We are now accepting donations of jewelry. You may bring your donations to Church or drop them off at the parish office—Tuesday-Friday. Thank you!



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!



Dear Parish Family, what a great time I had together with Laura & Steven, Rebekah and Ian, and Kate & Rishi in San Diego visiting my brother Bob and his wife Liz. The highlight was our pool day at Bob & Liz' home.



Lots of fun in the water, especially going down the pool slide

and targeting each other with water rifles! After a little barbeque, we moved indoors to enjoy Bob's signature cappuccino and espresso. Nothing better than a day like that with family. We visited 'Little Italy' in downtown San Diego at night.



Too many Italian restaurants and bakeries to choose from. There is a central plaza, kind of like the piazzas in Italy. At one corner of the piazza is the church of Our Lady of the Rosary, built in 1925. This church was the work of the early Italian-American community in San Diego. Naturally, its architecture and art provide strong reminders of churches and life back in Italy. I was able to attend Mass and take much time admiring this church dedicated to Our Lady. But there was a more notable church I was able to visit. Mission San Diego de Alcala was the first in a chain of 21 missions that stretch northward along the coast of California. It was founded on July 16, 1769 by Saint



Junípero Serra, a Franciscan priest. Saint Junipero's famous motto is, "Always forward, never back!" Walking through the mission, I realized how exhausting it must have been for Father Junipero, his brother Franciscan friars, and others who helped build this first mission. The mission is situated at the top of a hilly plain. The way up is steep. No wonder Father Junipero strove to move always forward. Here again, I was able to attend Mass. This mission is not just a historical Catholic pilgrimage shrine. Many local Catholics have adopted the mission as their parish. Well, like many vacations this one was too short. Next year I will hopefully be able to line up

THEY ATE ALL THEY WANTED

Baskets..boat..crowd..disciples..fish..Galilee..late..loaves..sick..thousand..towns..twelve

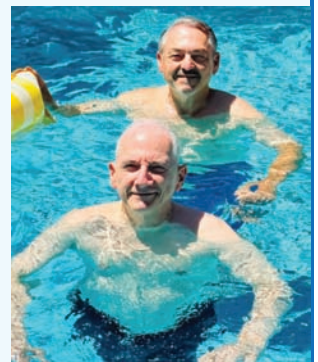
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brother priests to celebrate our Saturday and Sunday Masses too

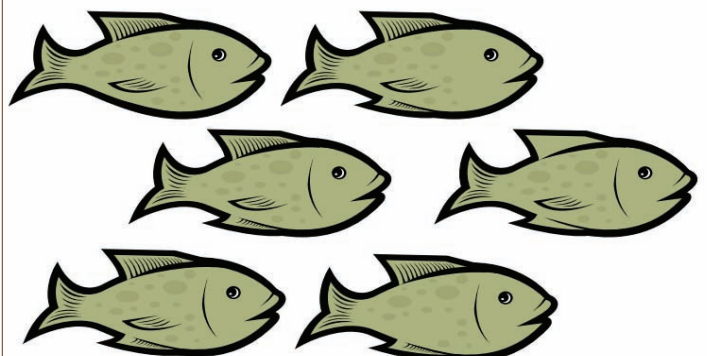


Saint Junipero Serra, pray for us!

so that I can have ten days away with my family. Take care.



Jesus managed to feed thousands of people with just the loaves of bread and two fish. Can you find the two fish which are the same?



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