# Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church



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We welcome all in fellowship, sharing our gifts, and reflecting God's love.





Holy Name of Jesus School

Holy Name of Jesus Church is a Roman Catholic community rooted in a rich tradition of African American spirituality. We hear the call which Pope Paul VI spoke to all the sons and daughters of Africa: "You must give your gift of Blackness to the whole Church.

As a family of diverse African and Hispanic heritages, we are dedicated to proclaiming the saving message of Jesus Christ through spirit-filled worship, evangelization, Catholic education, and social justice outreach that respects, values, appreciates, and celebrates the cultural heritages of our diverse community

# April 7, 2024



John 20:28

Sunday of Divine Mercy

#### **Pastoral Administration**

Very Rev. Kenneth C. Ugwu, SSJ. Pastor

> Rev. Chrysanthus Ugorji, Associate Pastor

Deacon Douglass Johnson Deacon José Penate Deacon Hosea Alexander (Rtd).

Mrs. Marilyn Cedeno, JD Principal, Holy Name School

Mrs. Catherine Brown, Director Religious Formation

Mrs. Nelly Molina Administrative Assistant

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 4:30pm Sunday: 9:00am – English 12:00pm – Spanish

\*Holy Rosary— 30 minutes before Sunday masses.

#### **Daily Morning Mass:**

Tuesday—Friday - 7:30am **School Mass—Wed—8.15am** 

Confessions: Saturdays 4:10pm – 4:30pm or by appointment.

#### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

# **Drayer Corner** Intercessory prayer is a vital part of our mission at Holy Name of Jesus.



We update our prayer and sick list on a regular basis. If you want to be on the list, please email or call the parish office by Wednesday of each week. Francis Awe, Oliska (Muffin) Batiste, Carol Batiste, Vincent Cocom, Anita Alexander, Hosea Alexander, Charisse Alexander, Michael Arnold, Wendy Bedford, Alida Blunt,

Frederick Bradley, Anthony Braithwaite, Sara Brazier, Catherine Brewster, Kim Brown, Lisa Brown, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquviel, Arthur Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Madisyn Grant, Jim Higgins, Eddie Hilley, DeShawn Haylock, Gloria Irvine, Barbara James, Krystal James & family, Dcn Douglass & Sherrie Johnson, Olga Johnson, Herbie & Nedie King, Adrian Klemm, Lorraine Klemm, Sharon Lee, Maria Lopez, Frank LeSassier, Jr., Terrell Love III, Rick Mellett, Marilyn Leon-Middleton, Dimitri Morrison, Nicole Nash,

Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orke, Ochuko Orkeh, Nia Porter, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Antionette Sanders, Constance Sandifold, Andy & Audrey Shaw, Shanee Shepherd, Dana Sims, Jonel Seon, Sandra Simmons, Loise Smith, Yolanda Smith, Grant Soberanis Jr., Fredrick Stafford,

Debra Stewart, Kamilie Swift, Pat Swinson, Janice Thornhill, Anyaa Trahan, Joanna Vellos, Tammy Brown-Ware and Treavon Ware, Valerie Walters, Sandra Wheeler, Alan Whitney, Oscar Williams, Jeanne Wiltz, and Regina Wiltz.

#### **Bulletin Announcements**

All Bulletin announcements Must be in the Parish Office one week before the published date.

<u>Scam Alert!!</u> Beware of any suspicious email or text messages. Call the office for verification.

#### **Sacraments**

Any parishioner who wishes to arrange a **Wedding** must contact the priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Parents desiring **Baptism** for their children are encouraged to contact the office to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents. When a **Funeral** is to be celebrated, please contact the priest before contacting the Funeral Home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

#### Mass Scripture Readings for the Week (Apr 8—Apr 14)

Monday	Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Psalm 40 Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37 Psalm 93 John 3:7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34 John 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34 John 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42 Psalm 27 John 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33 John 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Psalm 4 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

#### **Mass Intentions**

All Mass intentions must be submitted to the Parish Office on or before Thursday.

#### **Holy Hour / Adoration**

First Friday of every Month 8-9AM & 7-8 PM Rosary and Blessed Sacrament Devotion.

# sunday Reflection

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

#### **Stewardship Update**

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

#### March 31, 2024

Actual Collection \$ 7,976.00 - \$ 2,024.00

#### **Two Previous Years:**

April 2nd, 2023 \$ 9,219.00 March 3rd, 2022 \$ 8,712.00

Thank you for your generous stewardship. Your church needs your financial support.



### **Online Civing**

The link is: https://www.holynameofjesus la.org/online-giving

#### **Online Giving**

A Secure & Convenient Way to Contribute to Your Parish Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and you can change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time.

#### **Benefits of Online Giving include:**

- No need to hassle with checks or cash
  - 24/7 web-based access
- Easily schedule recurring donations to coincide with your pay period
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses
- No need to share bank account information because you enter it directly into the Online Giving secure site
  - Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend parish services
- Try Parish Text-To-Give by texting your donation to 323-897-161



## **Religious Education**

CCD class resume on Saturday, April 6th continue on Apr. 13th and 20th at 9:30 am. Parent Meeting on April 13th at 9:30.

**Confirmation** Confirmation is on Friday, April 19th at 7 pm at St Bernadette Catholic Church. Please pray for these confirmation candidates and their families Bosco, Joseph, Gallego, O'Ryan, Gomez, Braelyn, Gonzalez, Melissa, Mora, Daniel, Padilla, Steven, Perez, Andrea, Perez, Brayan, Perez, Daniel, Rodriquez, Luis, Quijano Izabelle, Yohannes, Ejam.

Our RCIA candidates, Cesar Gomez, Bree-Anna Harris, Slyvia Harris and Debbie Norman are fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Dominy Reyes and Hailey Melendez are among the newest members of our church. Baptized. Cristian Zelaya received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

The parish telephone live conference number is (267) 807-9598; and the Access Number is 590725113#. Please note that we are live streaming on YouTube.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please** remember to join Praying of the Holy Rosary **30 minutes before** each mass in the church. May our Blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us.

The members of the Usher/Hospitality Ministry will meet on Monday, April 8th, at 7:00pm in the Acacia Center. We welcome new members.

The members of the Young Adult Ministry will meet on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 9th</u>, at 6:30pm in the hall. We welcome new members.

The members of the Altar Society will meet on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00am in the Acacia Center. New members are welcome.

The members of RCIA and CCD Ministry will meet on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 13</u>, at 11:15am in the Acacia Center. New members are welcome.

# **Holy Name School**

## HNOJ is Enrolling PreK—8th Grade

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School will resume on Mon., April 8, 2024.

Please keep our principal, Marilyn Cedeno in your prayers, her brother Oliver his funeral will be on April 11th.

HNOJ Tk-8th grade school will be going on a field trip to the California Science Center in April.

Scrip gift cards are available for sale by special order or from stock on hand see attached list.



# **Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure**

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure. which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at https://lacatholics.org/ departments-ministries/safeguardthe-children/. .

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