

# Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church



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



*The Josephites*  
Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart



**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

## December 3, 2023



*First Sunday of Advent*

### 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

### 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 (Dec 4-Dec 10)**

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Matthew 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72 Luke 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23 Matthew 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118 Matthew 7:21-27
<b>Friday</b>	Genesis 3:9-20 Psalm 98 Ephesians 1:3-12 Luke 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 30:19-26 Psalm 147 Matthew 9:35-10:1
<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

### **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.

## **Prayer 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, Cathi Brewster, Betty Brown, Kim Brown, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquivel, Arthur Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Madisyn Grant, 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, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orke, Ochuko Orkeh, Nia Porter, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Antionette Sanders, Constance Sandiford, Andy & Audrey Shaw, 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.

**Scam Alert!!** Beware of any suspicious email or text messages.  
Call the office for verification.



# Sunday Reflection

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

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Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes. Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert.

## Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

**November 26, 2023**

Actual Collection \$ 3,755.00

- \$ 6,245.00

**Two Previous Years:**

November 27, 2022 \$ 4,668.00

November 28, 2021 - \$ 6,857.00

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



## Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynameofjesus la.org/onlinegiving>

### 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

**Give Online** 

## Religious Education

. Learn more about your faith by becoming a catechist, for Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation and Youth Ministry, call Cathy Brown for more information.

**CCD classes 12/ 2, 12/9, /12/16 from 9:30-11:00am NO CLASS ON Saturday, 12/23 or 12/30.**

**Confirmation 1st and 2nd year** class is on Thurs., Dec. 7th. at 7pm in the Acacia Center. **No class on Dec. 21st.**

**RCIA** for those persons seeking to become catholic or learn about the faith.— **December 5th-Topic- History of the Catholic Church -Father Ugwu and Reconciliation Service on Dec, 19th at 7pm**

**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 Worship Committee will meet on Monday, December 4th, at 7:00pm in the Acacia Center. We welcome new members.

The members of the Altar Society will meet on Saturday, December 9th, at 10:00am in the Acacia Center. We welcome new members.

The members of the CCD and RCIA will meet on Saturday, December 9th, at 11:15am in the Acacia Center. We welcome new members.

You are invited to attend the Brighter Day Junior Choir's Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10th at 3:00pm. Tickets can be purchased from any Brighter Day Junior Choir family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Holy Name of Jesus Advent Penance Service and Confessions will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00pm. We encourage all parishioners to come.

We are accepting donations for our Christmas Flowers in memory of your loved ones. Please place your donation in the collection basket with the names of your loved ones. Your donations help us with the flowers to decorate our Church. To include the names of your loved ones in our display list the envelopes must be in the office no later than December 17, 2023.

Thank you for your generosity.

The HNOJ Spanish Prayer Group will have a food sale on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> after all masses. Please come and support this fundraiser for the benefit of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration. (Breakfast and lunch).

Next week we will have a Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious.

## Holy Name School

### HNOJ is Enrolling PreK—8th Grade

HNOJ wants to thank all the parishioners who helped purchase our new religion books. May God bless you for your generosity.

Parent Teacher Conferences begin on Nov 30 – Dec. 1st.

HNOJ Christmas play will be on Thurs., Dec. 14th at 7pm in the Church, all are welcome.

Christmas vacation begins Mon., Dec. 18—Fri. Jan. 5. School resumes on Mon., Jan. 8, 2024



### How do groomers work?

Groomers start by picking out a potential victim, often a child who is emotionally vulnerable or isolated, or with low self-esteem. Then, groomers will start to slowly build a relationship — bonding over an alleged shared interest and expanding relationships out to build trust with the victim's family and friends. Groomers work hard to make themselves appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better access to their victims. From there, they can isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Many Stages of Grooming"

at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**CHAIRPERSON**  
**Thomas St. Julien**