

# 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

## February 4, 2024



**Jesus Removes Demons**

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 (Feb 5 - Feb 11)

<b>Monday</b>	1 Kings 8:1-13 Psalm 132 Mark 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kings 8:22-30 Psalm 84 Mark 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37 Mark 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106 Mark 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kings 11:29-32 Psalm 81 Mark 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kings 12:26-32 Psalm 106 Mark 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	Leviticus 13:1-2,44 Psalm 32 1Corinthians 10:31 Mark 1:40-45

### 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, 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, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orke, Ochuko Orkeh, Nia Porter, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Antionette Sanders, Constance Sandifold, 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

We know from last week's Gospel that Jesus gathered and prayed with the community in the synagogue. Today we learn that Jesus also took the time to pray alone. Following the example of Jesus, we also pray together with our community, and we take the time to pray alone. Our children observe our prayer with others. We might want to take the opportunity to talk with them about our private prayer, however, so that through our example, they may learn to make private prayer an important part of their daily lives.

Gather as a family and talk about the ways in which your family prays together (at Mass, grace before meals, bedtime prayers). Invite each member of the family to talk about his or her private prayer: When do you pray? Where do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for?

Jesus modeled for us a life of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:29-39. Talk about this Gospel with your family. Ask questions such as the following: What do you think Jesus was praying about in today's Gospel? What guidance have you received from God in prayer? Conclude by asking God to bless our times of prayer so that we can know and follow God's ways. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

## Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

January 28, 2024

Actual Collection \$ 6,301.00

- \$ 3,699.00

Two Previous Years:

January 29, 2023 \$ 6,594.00

January 30, 2022 \$ 6,034.00

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



## Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynamenameofjesus 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 will be held on Saturday, February 10th and 24th. If your child is making First Holy Communion this year, the 2nd mandatory parent meeting is on Feb. 24th from 9:30 to 11:00 am

**Confirmation 1st and 2nd year** Religious Ed Congress Youth Day will be held in Anaheim on Thursday, February 15th. The bus leaves at 7:00 am sharp, Regular class resumes on March 7th

**RCIA** will be held on Tuesday, February 7th 2024 at 7 pm in the Acacia Center. Topic the Sacrament of Eucharist speaker Deacon Jim Carper

**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 inter-**

**.The members of the Worship Committee will meet on Monday, February 5th, at 7:00pm in the Acacia Center. We welcome new members.**

**Ash Wednesday is February 14, and we will have Masses and Ashes distribution at 8:15 AM English and 7:00 PM Bilingual.**

**Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry will be held every Friday during Lent, starting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are encouraged to come and enjoy our delicious Fish .**

**Next week we will have a Second Collection for Fish Fry.**



## 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.

Please pray for our 8th graders as they begin to take High School Entrance Exams,

During Lent students will do a live stations of the cross on Fridays at 2pm beginning February 24th.

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



### Effectively communicating with your teenagers

During conversations with teenagers, focusing on the matter at hand is essential. It is tempting to make every dispute an opportunity to discuss multiple issues at the same time, but this is often counterproductive. Instead, addressing a particular issue at a time you are better able to guide and mentor teenagers by helping them look with clear eyes at the situation in front of them and work toward a solution. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article

“Communicating Tip No. 9: Avoid “Scope Creep” with Teens” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

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