

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

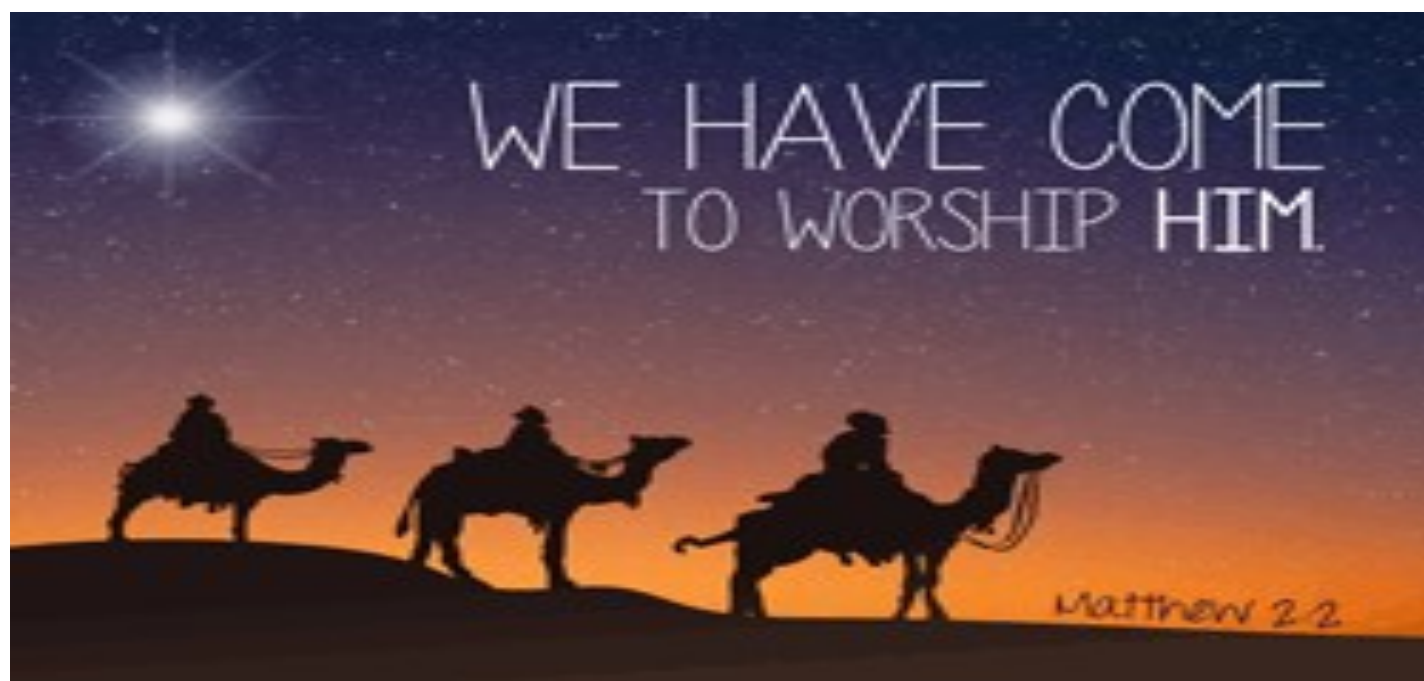


Holy Name of Jesus School

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

January 7, 2024



The Epiphany of the Lord

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 (Jan 1 - Jan 7)

Monday	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
Tuesday	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98 John 1:19-28
Wednesday	1 John 2:29-3:6 Psalm 98 John 1:29-34
Thursday	1 John 3:7-10 Psalm 98 John 1:35-42
Friday	1 John 3:11-21 Psalm 100 John 1:43-51
Saturday	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147 Mark 1:7-11
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12

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

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, Lisa Brown, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquivel, 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 Velloso, 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

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

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Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

December 31, 2023

Actual Collection \$ 15,581.00

(Include January 1st, 2024 Collection)

+ \$ 5,581.00.

Two Previous Years:

January 1, 2023 \$13,791.00

January 2, 2022 \$11,259.00

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 NO CLASS ON Saturday, 12/23 or 12/30. classes resume on Saturday, 1/ 6, 1/13, and 1/27 from 9:30-11:00am

Confirmation 1st and 2nd year No class on Dec. 21st. Classes resume on January 4th and 18th 7pm in the Acacia Center.

Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, Dec, 19th at 7pm

RCIA for those persons seeking to become catholic or learn about the faith.— **January 9th-Topic— Sacrament of Baptism.**

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, January 8th, at 7:00pm in the Acacia Center. We welcome new members.

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday January 13, at 8:00am at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Tickets are \$50.00 available online or call the parish office for more information.



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.

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



RCIA
A Journey In Faith



Engage with your adolescents and provide healthy guidance

During adolescence, young people require more parental engagement – rather than less. This is a time when they begin to experience the many facets of their personality and to test their parents as well as themselves. During this time, adolescents will try to do what is forbidden because it can be exciting to break the rules. Though our adolescents may push us away or disregard our rules and suggestions, they need our guidance—during this time more than ever. For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities”

at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

CHAIRPERSON
Thomas St. Julien