

# 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**

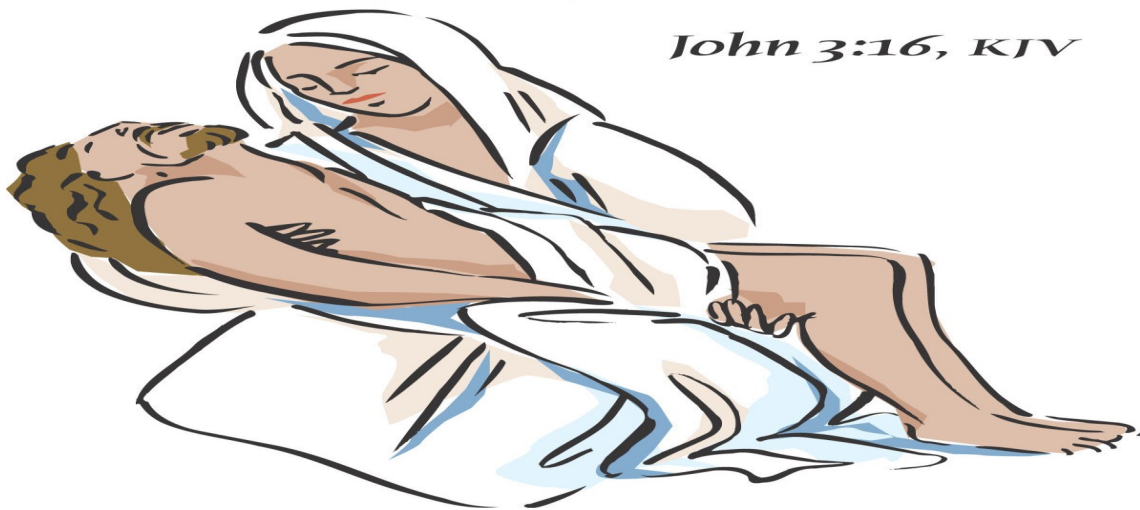
Holy Name of Jesus Church is a Roman Catholic community rooted in a rich tradition of African American spirituality. We hear the call which Pope Paul VI spoke to all the sons and daughters of Africa: "You must give your gift of Blackness to the whole Church."

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

## March 10, 2024

*For God so loved  
the world, that he gave  
his only begotten Son.*

*John 3:16, KJV*



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### 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 (Mar 11-Mar 17)**

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30 John 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12 Psalm 46 John 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145 John 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106 John 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wisdom 2:12-22 Psalm 34 John 7:1-2,10,25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7 John 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

### **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, 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, 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

Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be. God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so, during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Read today's Gospel, John 3:14-21. John's Gospel teaches us that Jesus was the light that came into the world. In this light we know ourselves to be sinners, but we are not condemned. Instead we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Conclude in prayer together, thanking God for the great gift of forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Pray together the [Act of Contrition](#).

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The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints.

## Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

March 3rd, 2024

Actual Collection      \$11,237.00  
+ \$ 1,237.00

Two Previous Years:

March 5th, 2023      \$ 9,567.00  
March 6th, 2022      \$ 11,919.00

**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





## 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 class on Saturday, March 16th. First Communion Parent Meeting on Sat., March 16, 2024 from 9:30-1100am**

**Confirmation 1st and 2nd year** classes is on March 21st.

Big Bear Retreat will be on March 22-24th.. Please pray for us as we journey spiritually with the Lord. Confirmation is on Friday, April 19th at 7 pm at St Bernadette Catholic Church.

Our RCIA candidates, Cesar Gomez, Bree-Anna Harris, Slyvia Harris and Debbie Norman on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 7 pm at the Easter Vigil here at Holy Name will receive the Sacraments of Initiation Also Clyde Dudley and Cristian Zelaya will receive 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.

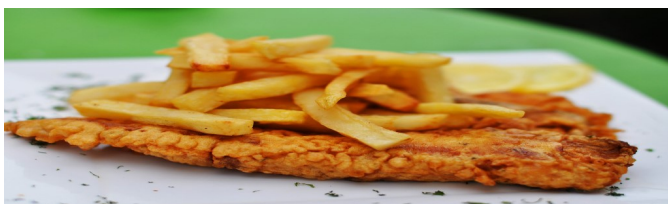
The members of the Usher/Hospitality Ministry will meet on **Monday, March 11, at 7:00pm** in the Acacia Center. We welcome new members.

The members of the Young Adult Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30pm** in the hall. We welcome new members.

Lenten Penance Service will be held here at Holy Name of Jesus on **Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00pm**. Confessions in English and Spanish.

Remember to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent. The parish has it at 2PM with the school; 6 and 7PM in English and Spanish respectively.

Next week we will have a Second Collection for Fish Fry. The whole Tilapia is now available also at our fish dinner sales every Friday. Please come!



## Holy Name School

**HNOJ is Enrolling  
PreK—8th Grade**

HNOJ school mass will be on the third Sunday this month March 17th.

During Lent students will do a live stations of the cross on Fridays on March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd at 2pm. **All are welcome**

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

School fundraiser –selling cheese-cake and other items until Mar. 11th please see any student for purchase.



**Why are children with disabilities at risk?**

Children with disabilities are at higher risk for maltreatment and abuse. In many cases, this is because these children may be more vulnerable to grooming or exploitation by a perpetrator, need extra attention and care, which can lead to caregiver burnout and frustration, isolation from community, and financial strain. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**CHAIRPERSON  
Thomas St. Julien**