

Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church



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**We welcome all
in fellowship, sharing our gifts,**



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

September 27, 2026

"Which of the two
did the will of
his father?"

Matthew 21:31, NRSV



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Pastoral Administration

Rev. Bura Koroba, SSJ.
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

Mrs. Jessye Stafford
Pastoral Council Chairperson

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
Wed— School Mass - 8.15am

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

Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00am – 4:00pm
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.

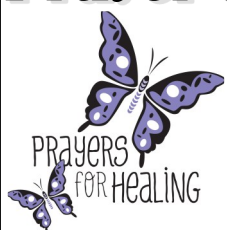
Mass Intentions

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, Ganine Arnold, Carol Oliska (Muffin) and Vanessa Batiste, Vincent Cocom, Anita

Alexander, Hosea Alexander, Charisse Alexander, Camille Alvarado, Michael Arnold, Wendy Bedford, Brandon Blount, Alida Blunt, Frederick Bradley, Anthony Braithwaite, Sara Brazier, Catherine Brewster, Kim Brown, Lisa Brown, Helen Mosley Brown, Cheryl Broyard, Holly Budge, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, Claire Collins, Riz De Leon, Marsha E. Domingue, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquivel, Sean Eugene, Marlon Fajardo, Arthur Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Madisyn Grant, Sylvia Garbutt, Victor Garbutt, Logan Harris, Jim Higgins, Eddie Hilley, DeShawn Haylock, Barbara James, Krystal James & family, Dcn Douglass & Sherrie Johnson, Olga Johnson, L.J. Johnson, Jose Precise, Herbie & Nedie King, Adrian Klemm, Lorraine Klemm, Sharon Lee, Maria Lopez, Jr., Terrell Love III, Amy Mahoney, Rick Mellett, Leola Mercadel, Marilyn Leon-Middleton, Bernard Mitchell, Dimitri Morrison, Amy Mahoney, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orkeh, Aida Palarca, John Derrick Palarca, Nia Porter, Jeanmarie Phillips, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Constance Sandifold, Audrey Shaw, Dana Sims, Jonel Seon, Sandra Simmons, Loise Smith, Yolanda Smith, Grant Soberanis Jr., Fredrick Stafford, Kamilie Swift, Pat Swinson, Gilberto Tatenco, Leroy Titus, Anyaa Trahan, Joanna Vello, Tammy & Treavon Ware, Valerie Walters, Sandra Wheeler, Alan Whitney, Oscar Williams, Claire Collins 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.

Mass Scripture Readings for the Week (Sept. 28 – Oct. 4th)

Monday	Job 1:6-22 Psalm, Psalms 17 Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalms 138 John 1:47-51
Wednesday	Job 9:1-12, 14-16, Psalms 88 Luke 9:57-62
Thursday	Job 19:21-27 Psalm 27 Luke 10:1-12
Friday	Exodus 23:20-23 Psalm 91 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-16 Psalm 119 Luke 10:17-24
Sunday	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Sunday Reflection

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God



Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

September 20, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 5,743.00

- \$ 4,257.00

Two Previous Years:

September 21, 2025 \$ 4,214.00

September 22, 2024 \$ 7,885.00

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



Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynameofjesusla.org/online-giving>

This is 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.

Call to Renew Commitment

Parish Goal: \$530, 000.00

Total Pledge: \$486,650.00

Total Paid: \$215,015.50

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Together in Mission Goal:

\$32,479.00

The Archdiocese through the Together in Mission has allocated the parish **\$60,000.00** towards BAS bill.

Religious Education

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA). For more information, contact Cathy Brown. OCIA classes are for those seeking to become Catholic or learn about the faith. Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, with new classes starting in October. OCIA classes begin on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm. The first topic will be: How Catholics Interpret the Bible presented by Father George (St Brigid) All are welcome.

Classes began on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 9:30. Classes will be on October 3, 10, 24th and 31st. No classes on Oct 17, 2026. CCD registration for Religious Formation and Sacramental Preparation is ongoing. We are now charging a \$25.00 late fee.

Confirmation Classes for 1st and 2nd year students will be on Thursday, Oct. 1st and 15th at 7 pm in the Acacia Center. If you are between 14-18 or have graduated 8th grade we have space for you to continue your faith journey and become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Call Cathy Brown 323 243-4173.

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

1. The next Church cleaning is on Saturday, October 3rd at 7:30 am, led by Knights of Peter Claver and KPC Ladies Auxiliaries Group. Everyone is welcome to help.
2. The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on October 3rd and 4th, sponsored by Mariano Ministry and Spanish Prayer Group. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!
3. All announcements are to be submitted to the office no later than Tuesday of each week.



Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Name of Jesus School is now registering children from TK-8th grade, Small class sizes, academic excellence, faith in formation, choir, sports, art, music and self esteem classes for the middle school. Please call the office for information more 323 731-2255.

School Mass on Wed. Oct. 7, 21 & 28.

Monday, Oct 5, 2026 No School—

Development Teachers

Monday, Oct. 12, 2026 No School

Indigenous Day

Thursday, Oct. 15th Earthquake Drill(the Great Shakeout)

Friday, Oct. 16th Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Oct 23rd PTO Coffee Friday

Sunday, Oct. 25th Family Mass 9:00 am

Monday, Oct. 26th Red Ribbon Week

Thursday, Oct. 29th Early dismissal

Friday, Oct. 30th Fall Festival fundraiser

Did you know?

While there is mixed research surrounding major international events like the World Cup and Olympics and an increase in human trafficking, these events can attract predators and those who seek to harm children and the vulnerable. Preparation for these massive events can serve as an opportunity to spotlight trafficking and raise awareness for prevention and protection of the vulnerable. Hotlines and response programs often increase the number of reported crimes and victim disclosures, which helps law enforcement target known trafficking areas or groups. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How Major Events Highlight the Need to Protect Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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Shannon Mercadel