

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

October 11, 2026



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14

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.

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 Sandiford, 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.

Holy Hour / Adoration

First Friday of every Month
8-9AM & 7-8 PM Rosary and Blessed Sacrament Devotion.

Mass Scripture Readings **Oct. 12th – Oct. 18th**

Monday	Gal. 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Psalm 113 Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday	Galatians 5:1-6 Psalm 119 Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal. 5:18-25 Psalm 1 Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	Ephesians 1:3-10 Psalm 98 Luke 11:47-54
Friday	Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalm 33 Luke 12:1-7
Saturday	Ephesians 1:15-23 Psalm 8:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Luke 12:8-12
Sunday	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

Sunday Reflection

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in [last Sunday's Gospel](#), Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks. The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

October 4th, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 7,322.00

- \$ 2,678.00

Two Previous Years:

October 5th, 2025 \$ 7,786.00

October 6th, 2024 \$ 10,056.00

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



Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynamenameofjesusla.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.

'SERVING HANDS' MONTHLY FOOD SALE OCTOBER 2026 REPORT SPONSORED BY MARIANO MINISTRY AND SPANISH PRAYER GROUP

INCOME

Mariano Ministry/Prayer Group \$ 420.00

Food Sale \$ 1,173.00

SUB

TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,593.00

EXPENSES

Invoices \$ 626.69

NET INCOME \$ 1,066.31

Thank you, our wonderful ministry sponsors, volunteers, parishioners, and patrons, for your continued support and participation. Great things continue to happen when we build our church community together. May God bless you all abundantly.

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 topic will be: Salvation History by Father Bura. All are welcome.

CCD Classes will be on October 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. 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, November 7th at 7:30 am, led by Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry Choir Leaders and St. Vincent de Paul. Everyone is welcome to help.
2. The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on November 7th and 8th, sponsored by the Proclaimers of the Word. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!
3. Flu Vaccine Clinic and Mini-Health Fair will be held Sunday, October 25th, 8am - 3pm., in the Parish Hall.
4. Next week we will have a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday.
5. All Souls Envelopes for your donations in memory of your loved departure are available now. Please ask an usher for your envelope. You can place your envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office no later than Monday October 26, 2026.
6. 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.

On Wed., Oct. 14 HNOJ students 1st—8th grade will attend a youth appreciation Mass at the Cathedral. School Mass on Wed. Oct. 21 & 28. 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 Sun., 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?

Children & devices

A child with access to the internet — whether on a phone, tablet, or laptop — has a high probability of stumbling upon pornography or inappropriate material through innocent searches and without intent. Pornographic materials permeate the online space, and they are all too easy to stumble upon, even when a child doesn't know to search for them. Talk to your children about the importance of caution when friends or classmates are using the internet without supervision. Tell them what to do if they see disturbing pictures, and remind them that they can always come to you for help without shame or punishment. For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article "The Real Danger of Children Being Exposed to Pornography" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Shannon Mercadel
Chairperson