

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

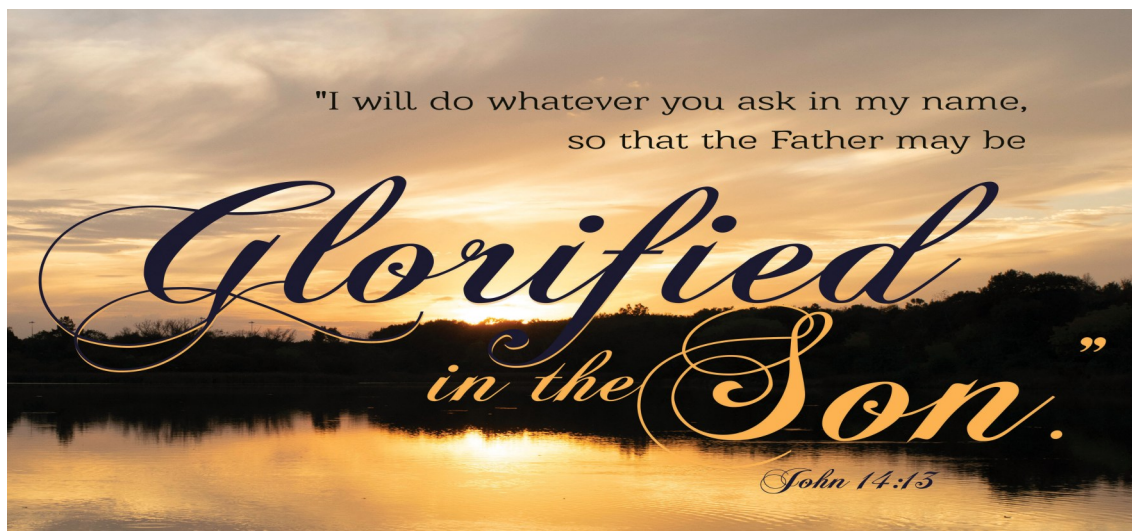


Holy Name of Jesus School

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 4, 2026



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalms 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 Ceden, 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 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 Vellos, 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 (Oct. 5th – Oct. 11th)

Monday	Galatians 1:6-12 Psalm 111 Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday	Galatians 1:13-24 Psalm 139 Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday	Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 Psalm 117 Luke 11:1-4
Thursday	Galatians 3:1-5 Psalm, Luke 1 Luke 11:5-13
Friday	Galatians 3:7-14 Psalms 111 Luke 11:15-26
Saturday	Galatians 3:22-29 Psalm 105 Luke 11:27-28
Sunday	Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalms 23 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday Reflection

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

September 27, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 5,384.00

- \$ 4,616.00

Two Previous Years:

September 28, 2025 \$3,449.00

September 29, 2024 \$4,368.00

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.

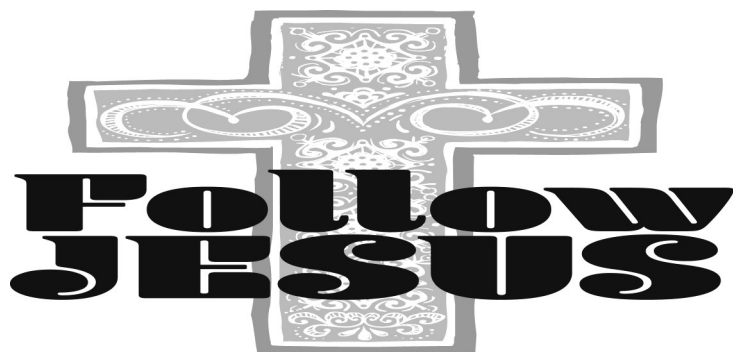
Confirmation Classes for 1st and 2nd year students will be on Thursday, Oct. 1st and 15th at 7 pm in the Acacia Center. If you are between 14-18 or have graduated 8th grade we have space for you to continue your faith journey and become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Call Cathy Brown 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, 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 All announcements are to be submitted to the office no later than Tuesday of each week.



Holy Name School

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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

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Shannon Mercadel
Chairperson