

# 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

## April 12, 2026



**Blessed are those  
who have not seen and yet  
have come to believe.**

John 20:29, NRSV

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

### Pastoral Administration

Very Rev. Kenneth C. Ugwu, 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  
**School Mass—Wed—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.

### Mass Scripture Readings for the Week (Apr 13-Apr 19)

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 4:23-31 Psalm 2 John 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 4:32-37 Psalm 93 John 3:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34 John 3:16-21
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34 John 3:31-36
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 5:34-42 Psalm 27 John 6:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33 John 6:16-21
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 2:14,22-33 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

## **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 Esquviel, Sean Eugene, Marlon Fajardo, Arthur Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Madisyn Grant, Sylvia Garbutt, Victor Garbutt, Jim Higgins, Eddie Hilley, DeShawn Haylock, Barbara James, Krystal James & family, Dcn Douglass & Sherrie Johnson, Olga Johnson, L.J. Johnson, 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.***

# Sunday Reflection

Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 19:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church.

Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

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The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## Stewardship Update

March 29, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 6,107.00 -  
-\$3,893.00

Two Previous Years:

March 30, 2025 \$ 3,540.00

March 31, 2024 \$ 8,001.00

April 5th info will be published next week

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



## Online Giving

### Call to Renew Commitment

**Parish Goal: \$530,000.00**

**Total Pledge: \$486,650.00**

**Total Paid: \$206,894.00**

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**Together in Mission Goal:**

**\$32,479.00**



Bethlehem

Once In A Lifetime Experience

Jerusalem

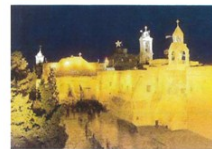
Pilgrimage To the Holy Land, Jordan

Nazareth

12 Days, From October 6-17 of 2026

Petra

Fr. Kenneth Ugwu- Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church- Los Angeles, CA  
Fr. Joseph C. Benjamin- St Augustine's Catholic Church - New Roads, LA



**Cost:** \$3995 in double room, \$4695 in a single room + \$ 390 Travel insurance (optional)

**Price includes:**

- Air fair
- Transportation in deluxe Motor coaches with air condition
- Buffet Breakfast and dinner
- 4 Star Hotels
- All Entrance fees and taxes
- Boat ride across the sea of Galilee
- English speaking guide
- Assistance at the airport upon arrival and departure
- Daily mass at all holy sites
- Rededication of water baptism in Jordan River
- Renewal of wedding vows in Cana

**Price Does not include:**

- Transportation to and from the U.S.A airport
- Travel cancellation protection and health insurance
- Tips to tour guide \$7 per day/person, bus driver \$ 5 per day/person and hotels \$30 per day/ Group.
- Telephone calls, Laundry, and alcohol beverages
- **Border Taxes: Exit from Allenby \$55Approx. paid in person only.**
- Drinks at meals.

For a brochure with complete details Contact:

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# Religious Education

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA).  
OCIA classes are for those seeking to become Catholic or learn about the faith. Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA).  
Learn more about your faith by becoming a catechist for Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation, and Youth Ministry. For more information, contact Cathy Brown. Pray for those who received the Sacraments: Ashley Abrego, Cesar Aguilar, Camille & Rene Alvarado, Christian Maldonado Cortez, and Matthew Martinon

2nd year Confirmation Ceremony on April 17th at 7pm at St Brigid Church 5214 S Western. Pray for our candidates Brandon Perez Arellana-Kailey Mendez- Christine Roberts.  
2nd year classes meet on April 16th, May 7 and 21st

CCD Classes resume on April 8th, 25th May 2nd, 9th and 16th.  
First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17, 2026 9 am (English) & 12 pm (Spanish)

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

The next group church cleaning is on Saturday, May 2nd at 7:30 am, led by the Proclaimers of the Word and Jr. Daughters KPC. Everyone is welcome to help.

The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on Saturday May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd, sponsored by Morning Star Choir and Spanish Choir. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your commitment to Together in Mission and Call to Renew fulfilments. It is a blessing to our parish.

Remember to call the parish office if you or any parishioner needs communion calls or visitation at home or hospitals.

Do you desire to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and experience the sacred places of our faith and deepen your belief through this life-changing spiritual journey? Check the bulletin for the pilgrimage details

# Holy Name School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• *Classes Resumes on Mon. April 13th*

*Star Testing*

• *April 13 May 28th*

*Monday, April 13th*

• *Grad night 8th grade only*

• *Science Fair project due*

*School Mass*

• *Wed., April 15th 8:15 am*

• *Wed., April 22nd 8:15 am*

• *Science Fair judging Apr. 24th*

• *Family Mass April 26th*

*School Mass*

• *Wed., April 29th 8:15 am*

Alleluia People

Did you know?

Special liturgies to be held at Gardens of Healing for Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry is collaborating with the parishes where the five Gardens of Healing are located, to hold special liturgies throughout April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Dedicated to those harmed by sexual abuse, in their family, church or community, the Gardens of Healing are located at St. Camillus Pastoral Center in Boyle Heights, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura, St. Francis de Sales Parish in Sherman Oaks, St. Bernadette Parish in Los Angeles, and Our Lady of Refuge in Long Beach. The gardens offer a sacred space for all those impacted by abuse to seek comfort and solace. For details about the special liturgies and more information about the Gardens of Healing, please visit [lacatholics.org/healing-gardens](http://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens).

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien