

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 26, 2026



*"I am the
good shepherd."*

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 27-May 3)

Monday	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 42 John 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26 Psalm 87 John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24-13:5 Psalm 67 John 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25 Psalm 89 John 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33 Psalm 2 John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52 Psalm 98 John 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

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 Esquiviel, 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, 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 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

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

April 19, 2026

Actual Collection \$5,655 .00

- \$ 4,345.00

Two Previous Years:

April 20, 2025 \$ 8,481.00

April 21, 2024 \$ 4,885.00

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

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

SERVING HANDS



Saturday Mass, 4:30pm

- Large Beef Soup with Rice & Tortilla \$15.00
- Soda (mini) \$1.00, Bottle water, \$1.00, Soda 12 oz can..... \$ 2.00
- Aqua Fresca 24 Oz: Tamarindo, Horchata, Jamaica \$ 3.00



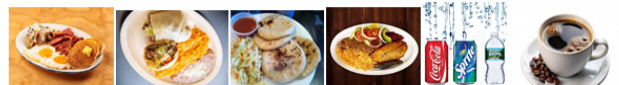
Sunday Masses, 9:00am and 12:00pm

Breakfast Menu Served all Day

- Waffle / Pancake Breakfast: Scramble eggs, hashbrowns, bacon or sausage... \$ 10.00
- Chilaquillas with eggs \$ 10.00
- Breakfast Burrito \$ 10.00
- Breakfast Sides: Hashbrowns, rice, beans, sausage, bacon, eggs, Grits \$ 3.00

Luncheon Menu Served All Day

- Baked Chicken Wings, Marcoroni & Cheese, or Pork Ribs BBQ \$15.00
- Burritos: Carne asada (Beef) or Chicken Enchiladas & Birria ... \$ 10.00
- Tacos: Carne Asada (Beef) or Chicken 2x \$ 5.00
- Pupusas..... \$ 4.00
- BEVERAGES:
- Soda (mini) \$1.00, bottled water, \$1.00, Soda 12 oz can..... \$ 2.00
- Aqua Fresca 24 Oz: Tamarindo, Horchata, Jamaica \$ 3.00



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.

Confirmation 1st year classes on May 7th and May 21st at 7 pm.

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who were confirmed on Friday, April 17, 2026—Brandon Perez Arellana, Kailey Mendez, and Christine Roberts.

CCD Classes May 2nd, 9th and 16th. . **First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17, 2026 9:00 am (English) 12:00 pm (Spanish)**
Call Cathy Brown for information on registration for 2026-2027 Confirmation classes. (323 243-4173) participants 14 yrs –18 yrs and/or CCD(Religious Formation) 5 yrs to 18 yrs.

Please note that we are live streaming on YouTube.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

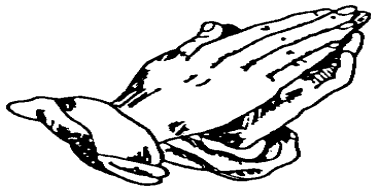
Please remember to join Praying of the Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each mass in the church. May our Blessed Virgin Mary continue to

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. The menu is on the bulletin. 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.

Important Altar Servers training and meeting are now scheduled for every 3rd Saturday of the month, unless modified. Next training will be on Saturday May 2, 2026 (9:30am-11:30am). All are invited, both current altar servers and new members.



Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Family Mass April 26th
School Mass
- Wed., April 29th 8:15 am
- Wed. May 6th at 8:15 am
- Wed. May 13th at 8:15 am
- Wed. May 20th at 8:15 am
- May Crowning Wed. May 27th 8:30 am
Teachers Appreciation
May 2026
- May 5th –8th- Teachers Appreciation
- May 7th Graduation pictures 8th grade and Kinder and Culmination pictures – 5th grade. Panorama for TK-8th
- Sun., May 17th First Holy Communion
- Pentecost Sun., May 24th Family Mass
- Birthday of the Christian church
- Memorial Day Monday May 25th
- No School



The Archdiocese continues efforts to prevent sexual abuse and support survivors and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles affirms our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support survivor-victims in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The webpage and updated infographic at lacatholics.org/ protect serve as comprehensive tools containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse for help and support.

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien