

# 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 5, 2026



## The Resurrection of the Lord The Mass of Easter Day

### 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 6-Apr 12)

**Monday** Acts 2:14,22-33  
Psalm 16  
Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41  
Psalm 33  
John 20:11-18

**Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10  
Psalm 105  
Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday** Acts 3:11-26  
Psalm 8  
Luke 24:35-48

**Friday** Acts 4:1-12  
Psalm 118  
John 21:1-14

**Saturday** Acts 4:13-21  
Psalm 118  
Mark 16:9-15

**Sunday** Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 118  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

## **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 Sandifold, Andy & 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

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

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Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

## 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

**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**

**& Together in Mission Goal:**

**\$32,479.00**



Bethlehem

Once In A Lifetime Experience

Jerusalem

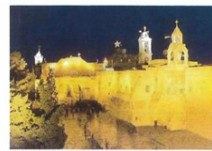
Pilgrimage To the Holy Land, Jordan

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. Candidates will receive the Sacraments on Saturday April 4th at the 7pm Vigil Mass.

**1st year class on April 16th at 7 pm**

**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.**

CCD Classes resume on April 11th, 18th and 25th.

**Mandatory Parent meeting on April 11, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:00 am.** First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17, 2026

**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 intercede for us.

**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!**

**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

- **Popcorn Fundraiser April 2nd-6th**
- **Classes Resumes on Mon. April 13th**
- **Star Testing April 13 May 28th**
- **First Holy Communion Parent Mtg April 11 from 9:30-11:00 am Monday, April 13th**
- **Grad night 8th grade only**
- **Science Fair project due**
- **School Mass April 15, 22 & 29**
- **Science Fair judging Apr. 24th**
- **Family Mass April 26th**



## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Happy Easter! Along with the celebration of Easter, April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month. Saint Augustine said that we are "Easter People whose song is Alleluia" – living in the fullness of the resurrection drawing all around them to a place of light, wholeness, and the richness of the graces made available to them by the power of the passion and redemption of Jesus. In this spirit, there is no better time to celebrate the protection of children, our most precious gift from God. The Office of Safeguard the Children has created a Resource Booklet to help individuals, parishes and schools plan for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is available online at [latholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month](http://latholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month).

CHAIRPERSON

**Thomas St. Julien**