

# 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

## August 17, 2025

*I came to  
bring fire  
to the earth...*



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 – 6:00pm  
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, Oliska (Muffin) Batiste, Carol Batiste, Vincent Cocom, Anita Alexander, Hosea Alexander, Charisse Alexander, Michael Arnold, Wendy Bedford, Alida Blunt,

Frederick Bradley, Anthony Braithwaite, Sara Brazier, Catherine Brewster, Kim Brown, Lisa Brown, Cheryl Broyard, Holly Budge, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, Hilarion Domingue, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquivel, 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, Herbie & Nedie King, Adrian Klemm, Lorraine Klemm, Sharon Lee, Maria Lopez, Jr., Terrell Love III, Amy Mahoney, Rick Mellett, Marilyn Leon-Middleton, Bernard Mitchell, Dimitri Morrison, Nicole Nash, Amy Mahoney, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orkeh, Nia Porter, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Constance Sandifold, Andy & Audrey Shaw, Shanee Shepherd, Dana Sims, Jonel Seon, Sandra Simmons, Loise Smith, Yolanda Smith, Grant Soberanis Jr., Fredrick Stafford, Kamilie Swift, Pat Swinson, Anyaa Trahan, Joanna Velloso, Tammy & Treavon Ware, Valerie Walters, Sandra Wheeler, Alan Whitney, Oscar Williams, Jeanne Wiltz 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 for the Week (Aug 18-Aug 24)

<b>Monday</b>	Judges 2:11-19 Psalm 106 Matthew 19:16-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Judges 6:11-14 Psalm 85 Matthew 19:23-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Judges 9:6-15 Psalm 21 Matthew 20:1-16
<b>Thursday</b>	Judges 11:29-39 Psalm 40 Matthew 22:1-14
<b>Friday</b>	Ruth 1:1,3-6,14,22 Psalm 146 Matthew 22:34-40
<b>Saturday</b>	Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13 Psalm 128 Matthew 23:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 117 Hebrews 12:5-13 Luke 13:22-30

# Sunday Reflection

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

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Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

## Stewardship Update

**Weekly Goal—\$10,000**

**August 10, 2025**

Actual Collection \$4,442.00  
- \$5,558.00

**Two Previous Years:**

August 11, 2024	\$ 11,092.00
August 13, 2023	\$ 6,109.00

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



## 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**BACK TO**  
**CHURCH**  
**WEEKEND**  
**SEPTEMBER 19-21**

**Do you  
have your  
HNOJ Legacy  
Raffle tickets  
yet?**





# Religious Education

OCIA (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. 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. All are welcome.

CCD classes for Religious Formation and Sacramental Preparation will resume in September. Registration for the 2025-2026 year is on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 9:30 am. Please refer to the bulletin for up-to-date information.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist or volunteer, contact Cathy Brown for more information.

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.

**Back to Church Family fun day team calls on anyone or group who wants to perform either a cultural song or dance or Poetry or drums etc to please contact Karen Pinson (kpinson670@aol.com) or parish office ASAP.**

**Cleanliness is next to Godliness: The next group church cleaning is on Saturday September 3rd @ 7:30 am. and will be led by the Adult Choirs Ministry and Girl Scouts. All are welcome, thank you.**

**We are grateful to the families and everyone who have collected their allocated legacy raffles and some others who have collected extra booklets. Thank you for your kind support. Please see Glenn Wright and Deacon Jose Penate.**

**Spanish Prayer Group will have Food Sale on Sunday August 31, from 9:00am – 2:30pm. Please support the Spanish Prayer Group in their effort to raise money for the benefit of our Parish. Thank you.**

**TODAY we have a Second Collection for Catholic Relief Service/National Needs Combine Collection. Please be generous.**

# Holy Name School

## HNOJ is Enrolling PreK—8th Grade

*We are accepting enrollment applications for grades TK-8th. Please call (323) 731-2255.*

- Aug. 18 Mandatory 8th gr parent meeting 12:00-1 pm.
- Aug. 19 meet the teacher, drop off school supplies 10 to 12 pm
- Aug 21 School begins 8 am -12 pm.
- Aug. 22 school 8 am -12 pm.
- Aug. 25 1st full day 8 am –3 pm.
- Aug 26 Parent curriculum Mtg TK-4 Afterschool volleyball & football tryouts.
- Aug. 27 1st School mass 8:15 am school dismissal 12 pm.
- Aug 28 Parent curriculum Mtg 5-8th Afterschool volleyball & football tryouts.
- Aug 29 mandatory PE uniform– ASISA PTO Coffee Friday 7:30-8:30 Afterschool volleyball & football tryouts.
- Sept 1 Labor Day Holiday



## Back to school safety tips

As your children head back to school, parents should begin laying the groundwork (if they haven't already) for open communication about the school's safety guidelines and policies. Talk to children about safe adults and keep lines of communication open about who they see and interact with, how they feel about their school days, and what they are learning. Remind children regularly that they should find a safe adult if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation. For more tips, read "Talking to Kids About Safety and Boundaries for Back to School" by visiting <https://parequirements.com/blog/talking-to-kids-about-safety-and-boundaries-for-back-to-school>.

**CHAIRPERSON  
Thomas St. Julien**