

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 2, 2026

Unity Mass of Thanksgiving & Farewell



Eighteenth Sunday of 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 – 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.

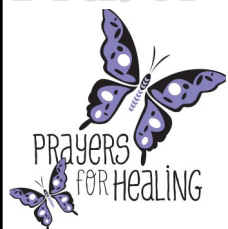
Mass Intentions

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, Michael Mosley, Irene Rideau, 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, 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 Vello, 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 (Aug 3—9)

Monday	Jeremiah 28:1-17 Psalm 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday	Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23 Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-7 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 Matthew 17:1-9
Friday	Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday	Habakkuk 1:12—2:4 Psalm 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday Reflection

Family Connection

In our family life we can sometimes hear echoes of the disciples' excuses: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Sometimes this echo is heard from children squabbling about the last piece of cake. Sometimes it is heard in our concern about the limits of the family's income or possessions. Sometimes this echo is heard in our complaints about the seemingly endless demands for our time and attention. Jesus understood these feelings and taught us to see beyond our limitations. Jesus modeled for us a compassion that reaches out to others, even when we would rather withdraw into ourselves. Jesus taught us that God blesses compassion offered to others with his grace. Today's Gospel reminds us that with God there is not only enough, there is an abundance!

"Giving Thanks for a Faithful Shepherd"

Today we gather in prayer and gratitude to celebrate the ministry of **Very Rev. Kenneth C. Ugwu, SSJ**, as he offers his **Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell** before beginning his new pastoral assignment. For about six and half years, Fr. Ugwu has faithfully served the Holy Name of Jesus Parish family with dedication, compassion, and missionary zeal. Through his leadership, preaching, pastoral care, and commitment to building a vibrant parish community, he has touched countless lives. As he embarks on a new chapter of ministry, we come together to thank God for his faithful service and to ask God's continued blessings upon him.

We mark this celebration with a special **Unity Mass**, bringing together our English- and Spanish-speaking communities in one Eucharistic celebration of thanksgiving. May we continue to keep Fr. Ugwu in our prayers as he answers God's call to continue serving wherever he is sent, trusting that **"It Is All in God's Hands."** *"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."* — **Psalm 126:3**

Stewardship Update Weekly Goal—\$10,000

July 26, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 25,715.00
+ \$ 15,715.00

Two Previous Years:

July 27, 2025 \$ 3,762.00
July 28, 2024 \$ 6,075.00

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: \$226,594.00

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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). 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.

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. Religious Formation Classes for 2026-2027 start in September. Please read bulletin for updates.

Registration for Sacramental preparation will be on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 9:30 am.

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, September 5th at 7:30 am, led by Adult Choirs Ministry and Leaders of the Girls Scout Group. Everyone is welcome to help.

The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on September 5th and 6th, sponsored by the Ushers Hospitality, Altar Servers, Youth and Brighter Day Choir Ministries. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

Altar Server Training and practice for new and current members, Saturday August 8th, 2026, at 9:30 AM

If you have not received your legacy Raffle or are seeking additional copies, please get your raffle tickets from Glen Wright, Deacon Jose Penate or from the office.

Mission Appeal – At all Masses next weekend (August 8/9), we will welcome Fr. Clement Oyafemi, a diocesan priest from the Catholic Diocese of Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria. He will share about the missionary work of the Diocese, which serves many communities in a predominantly Muslim region. The Diocese seeks support for priestly formation, education, healthcare, and clean water projects in rural communities. Please join us in warmly welcoming Fr. Clement and prayerfully consider supporting this important mission. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope that you and your family are enjoying a restful and rejuvenating summer! We are so grateful for the wonderful year we shared together and look forward to all that is ahead for the 2026–27 school year.

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 middle school. Please call the office for information, 323 731-2255. The school office will be closed for two weeks starting July 13-24th. Starting July 27th through August 19 the school office will be open from 8:30 –2:00 pm. HNOJ school resumes on Thursday, August 20, 2026

We are excited to welcome all students back on Thursday, August 21, 2026 — the first day of the 2026–27 school year!



Domestic violence and child abuse

Children can suffer from short- and long-term consequences of growing up in a home with domestic violence. The State of California has laws in place to protect children against physical, verbal, and emotional violence done in any home. Any safe adult with a reasonable concern that a child is witnessing domestic violence or being harmed in his or her home, should report to Child Protective Services (CPS) or the appropriate authorities to have the situation investigated for the child's safety. For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article "Domestic Violence: Part 1" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Thomas St Julien
Chairman