

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 24, 2025

Whoever wants to be

FIRST

must be

LAST

of all and servant of all.

Twenty - first 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 Vellos, 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 25-Aug 31)

Monday	1 Thessalonians 1:1 Psalm 149 Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1- Psalm 139 Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9- Psalm 139 Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3:7- Psalm 90 Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1- Psalm 97 Mark 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:9- Psalm 98 Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Sirach 3:17-18,20,28 Psalm 68 Hebrews 12:18-19, Luke 14:1,7-14

Sunday Reflection

Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year—birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated. Emphasize that these days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. Read aloud Luke 13:22-30. Explain that, in this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Point out that Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted. As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.

Hall Management Team: The Hall Committee is entrusted with the care, coordination, and recommendation of the parish hall. The primary goal is to ensure the hall is well-maintained, properly managed, and used in a manner that reflects the mission and values of the parish.

Members: **Monica Lewis, *Javona Wright, *Deacon Jose Penate, Deacon Doug Johnson, Greg Warner, Raul Menendez, Yvette Levarity, Yolanda Flores, Clyde Sparrow, Santiago Zayas and Aaron Williams*

The Serving Hands Team: The Serving Hands Committee is responsible for preparing and serving food, providing hospitality, handling cleanup, and conducting post-service reviews for all monthly first-weekend food sales. (After Saturday, 4:30 PM and Sunday, 9:00 AM & 12:00 Noon Masses)

Members: **Sheila Thomas, *Marco Mecinas, *Dana Sims, *Alejandra Garcia, Bernadett Powell, Lorraine Sparrow, Maude Wilkins, Jessye Stafford, Glenn Wright, +Sharon Agnew, +Rita Penate, +Ellyette Reyes, and +Indira Sandiford.*

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

August 17, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 7,845.00

- \$2,155.00

Two Previous Years:

August 18, 2024 \$ 4,129.00

August 20, 2023 \$ 9,419.00

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.

**Captains; +Tickets & Finances*

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.

- ◆ Please contact Karen Pinson (kpinson670@aol.com) or parish office to perform at Back to Church Fun Day.
- ◆ The next group church cleaning is on Saturday September 13th @ 7:30 am. and will be led by the Adult Choirs Ministry and Girl Scouts. All are welcome, thank you.
- ◆ The Missionaries of Jesus (MJ) an international and multicultural religious missionary community will be visiting our parish and celebrating the next weekend masses. Let us welcome them and support their missionary endeavors. There will be Mission Co-operative second collection for that purpose.
- ◆ Spanish Prayer Group will have Food Sale on Sunday August 31, from 9:00am – 2:30pm. This is for the benefit of the parish. Thank you for your support.

Holy Name of Jesus Church 2025- Food Sale
8/31/25

Brunch Menu (Includes a drink)

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown	\$13.00
Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs & Sausage	\$13.00
Chilaquiles w/Eggs choice of Orange Juice/Coffee.....	\$13.00

Choice of Meat : Asada, Birria, Chicken

Tacos	2x \$5.00
Burritos	\$10.00
Quesadillas	\$10.00
Tacos Dorados (includes a drink).....	3x \$10.00
BBQ Pork Ribs served with Coleslaw and Mac&Cheese.....	\$15.00

Aguas Frescas	\$3.00
Sodas	\$2.00
Coffee	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00

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



What having a “healthy caution” toward adults can mean, part 1

Having a “healthy caution” about adults in your life does not mean treating all adults as potential perpetrators. It is important to increase awareness about the dangers and the signs of abuse without creating paranoia. Safe adults should not be vigilante protectors, but should have a perspective of caution and should not ignore warning signs of inappropriate behavior. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Why Should We Have a ‘Healthy Caution’ Toward Adults” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON
Thomas St. Julien