

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

December 28, 2025



Then *Joseph* Got Up,
took the child and his mother by night,
and went to **EGYPT.**

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Pastoral Administration

Very Rev. Kenneth C. Ugwu, SSJ.
Pastor

Deacon Douglass Johnson
Deacon José Penate
Deacon Hosea Alexander (*Rtd.*)

Mrs. Marilyn Ceden, 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, Carol, Oliska (Muffin) and Vanessa Batiste, Vincent Cocom, Anita Alexander, Hosea Alexander, Charisse Alexander, Camille Alvarado, 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, Riz De Leon, Marsha E. Domingue, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquivel, 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, Den 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, Marilyn Leon-Middleton, Bernard Mitchell, Dimitri Morrison, Amy Mahoney, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orkeh, Aida Palarca, John Derrick Palarca, Nia Porter, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Constance Sandiford, Andy & Audrey Shaw, 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, 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 (Dec 29-Jan 4)

Monday	1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96 Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96 Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday	1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96 John 1:1-18
Thursday	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
Friday	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98 John 1:19-28
Saturday	1 John 2:29-3:6 Psalm 98 John 1:29-34
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday Reflection

In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the common project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

December 21, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 7,680.00

- \$ 2,320.00

Two Previous Years:

December 22, 2024 \$ 10,720.00

December 24, 2023 \$ 17,948.00

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



Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynameofjesus la.org/online giving>



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. Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. On Tuesday, **January 6th** **Sacrament of Baptism** All are welcome.

1st & 2nd year Confirmation classes –January 8th and 15th 7 pm
Religious Formation - Classes resume on Saturday 10th.



Happy New Year

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, January 3, 2026, at 7:30 am, led by the 50+ Club, Altar Society, and Altar Servers. Everyone is welcome to help.

The Josephte Liturgical and Historical Calendar is more than a calendar—it uniquely presents Black Catholic history and heritage. Copies are still available for a \$5.00 donation. You may obtain a limited copy from the ushers or the parish office.

Join Fr. Ugwu, SSJ for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan, October 6–17, 2026. This faith-deepening journey includes visits to sacred sites, Mass at holy places, and an opportunity to experience the Scriptures in a powerful, living way. Space is limited, see the flyer or contact the parish office for details.

The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on January 3rd and 4th, sponsored by the African American Cultural Awareness Ministry. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

New Year Masses on Thursday, January 1st, will be at 9:00am English and 12:00pm Spanish.

Holy Name School

HNOJ is Enrolling PreK—8th Grade

Mass—Thurs., Jan. 1 at 9:00 am—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- The Kwanzaa honors
- Umoja or unity. That's when the goal of unity in the family, community, nation, and race is declared.
- Kujichagulia or self-determination marks day two. The essence of this principle is the ability to “define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves,”
- Ujima, which reveres collective work and responsibility for the development and preservation of Black communities. ,
- Ujamaa or cooperative economics, urged Black communities to invest in themselves financially on the fourth day of Kwanzaa by operating or supporting Black establishments and creating ways to earn profits together.
- Nia means purpose and is the focus of day five. The idea is to embolden the participant to “make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness,”
- Kumbaa, which represents creativity. It also serves as a reminder to use the talents within to beautify and inspire the world at large, while understanding the importance of preserving the Earth for generations to come.
- Kwanzaa is closed out with Imani: Faith. No dogma or doctrine here, just a moment to “believe with all our hearts in our people and the righteous and victory of our struggle.

Did you know?

Start the New Year reflecting on the protection of children and vulnerable persons

As we start the New Year and commemorate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we remember that Mary's life was devoted to the good care and protection of her Son and to lead all to God the Father. This season also reminds us, as parents and safe adults, of the beauty, dignity, and vulnerability of the children we are called to safeguard. Prayer is also a major part remembering victims, survivors, thrivers and all who are involved in the work of protecting God's children. We pray to our Mother of Good Counsel asking her to protect all children and vulnerable persons. For the full reflection, read the VIRTUS® article “Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable” at iacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

CHAIRPERSON Thomas St. Julien