

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

February 1, 2026

THE BEATITUDES

*"Rejoice
and be glad,
for your reward
is great in
heaven."*

Fourth 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

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 Hiley, 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, 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.

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.

Holy Hour / Adoration

First Friday of every Month
8-9AM & 7-8 PM Rosary and Blessed Sacrament Devotion.

Mass Scripture Readings for the Week (Feb 2-Feb 8)

Monday	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18:9-10 Psalm 86 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24:2,9-17 Psalm 32 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12 1 Chronicles 29:10 Mark 6:7-13
Friday	Sirach 47:2-11 Psalm 18 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kings 3:4-13 Psalm 119 Mark 6:30-34
Sunday	Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday Reflection

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status.

Talk as a family about what it means to be happy or to be blessed. Make a list of traits that you would associate with a happy person. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12a. Reflect on Jesus' description of happiness. Think about what each of the Beatitudes might have in common and write a family summary of the Beatitudes. Post the summary in a special place as a reminder of what your family will consider "true happiness."

Conclude by praying together prayers of petition based on the Beatitudes, e.g., "We pray that we will be peacemakers who seek to get along with other people even when this is difficult. We pray to the Lord." All respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

January 25, 2025

Actual Collection \$6,605 .00
- \$ 3,395.00

Two Previous Years:

January 26, 2025	\$ 4,468.00
January 28, 2024	\$ 6,301.00

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



Online Giving

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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.

Benefits of Online Giving include:

- No need to hassle with checks or cash
 - 24/7 web-based access
- Easily schedule recurring donations to coincide with your pay period
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses
- No need to share bank account information because you enter it directly into the Online Giving secure site
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend parish services

The
Beatitudes

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, February 3rd Sacrament of Eucharist and Holy Mass will be presented by Deacon Jim Carper at St. Bernadette.** All are welcome.

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 parish's new monthly food sale is happening today after each Mass. Meals are available for dine-in or take-out, and everyone is encouraged to support by purchasing at least one plate. Menu is posted in the hall.

The next group church cleaning is on Saturday, March 7th, 2026, at 7:30 am, led by the Spanish Prayer Group, Intercessory Prayer Group, and St. Theresa Mini-Kitchen Ministries. Everyone is welcome to help.

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. For more information about payment plans and spaces contact the parish office.

The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on March 7th and 8th, sponsored by the HNOJ Sower Ministry. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

Please donate your USABLE discards of clothes, household goods, small appliances and misc. items when you come to church Sunday February 22! *St. Vincent's truck will be here from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday! (Please don't bring large items. Also, please no car seats, baby cribs, strollers, or mattresses.)*

Holy Name School

1st & 2nd year Confirmation classes –February 5th 7 pm and Youth Day February 19th 6:30 am –5:00 pm

Religious Formation - Classes are on Saturday, Feb 7th, 14th, and 28th. **No classes on Saturday, the 21st.** Mandatory parent meeting for those students preparing for First Communion on February 28, 2026, from 9:30 to 11:00 am.



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United in Faith and Community

Did you know?

Facts about the Missing Children hotline

Since the Missing Children 24-hour hotline (1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678) launched 41 years ago, countless children have been safely found and brought home. The hotline has received over 5 million calls in the last 41 years. During national emergencies and disasters, the National Center for Missing and Endangered Children has helped find lost children, working with emergency responders to reunite families. For more information about the Missing Children hotline, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/isyourchildmissing>.

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien