

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 22, 2026

**“WORSHIP
THE LORD
YOUR GOD,
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM.”**

MATTHEW 4:10, NRSV



First Sunday of Lent

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.

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 23– Mar 1)

Monday	Leviticus 19:1-18 Psalm 19 Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	Esther 12:14-25 Psalm 138 Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16 Psalm 119 Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday	Genesis 12:1-4 Psalm 33 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

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, Claire Collins, Riz De Leon, Marsha E. Domingue, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquviel, 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 Sandifold, Andy & Audrey Shaw, Dana Sims, Jonel Seon, Sandra Simmons, Loise Smith, Yolanda Smith, Grant Soberanis Jr., Fredrick Stafford, Kamilie Swift, Pat Swinson, Gilberto Tatenco, Anyaa Trahan, Joanna Vellos, 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.

Sunday Reflection

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

February 15, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 5,608.00

- \$ 4,392.00

Two Previous Years:

February 16, 2025 \$ 4,750.00

February 18, 2024 \$ 5,343.00

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



Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynameofjesusla.org/online-giving>

Black History Month Celebration

Our theme of Walking together in unity with purpose calls us to:

- Listen before we judge
- Serve before we complain
- Forgive before we withdraw
- Pray before we act



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, **March 3, 2026 anointing of the sick and Reconciliation** All are welcome.

1st & 2nd year Confirmation classes –Thursday, March 5th, and 19th. Retreat on Saturday, March 7 9-5pm
Religious Formation - **Classes February 28th, March 7th, and 14th Mandatory Parent meeting on February 28, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:00 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 intercede for us.

Station of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in English and 7:00pm in Spanish. All are encouraged to attend.

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.

The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan, (Oct. 6-17) led by Fr Ugwu is still open. Call the office for registration.

The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on February 28 and March 1st, sponsored by the HNOJ Sower Ministry. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Fish Fry Sales is available every Friday and is hosted by The Knights of Peter Claver. Your participation and patronage are greatly appreciated.

Lenten Coin Folders are available for your Lenten Sacrifice Offerings. Please see an usher to get your folder. Thank you.

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

Please join the African American Cultural Awareness Ministry in the hall after the 9am mass for a Mini-Health Fair hosted by the Links, Harbor Area Chapter. There will be blood pressure checks and a special presentation by Dr. Valerie Green Amos on health and wellness and kidney care. A complimentary lunch will be served and there will be a free raffle!
Next week we will have a Second Collection for Lenten Fish Fry.

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

HNOJ school is celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Black History Week/Month founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. He also founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in 1915. which is going strong today.



Feb. 22nd Family Mass
Feb, 23rd—Mobile Stem Lab
Feb 24th School Mass at 8:15 am
Feb. 26th Black History Music Program in the hall 10:30
Feb. 27th No School



Domestic violence and children

Domestic violence has many forms, including emotional, financial, physical, and sexual abuse. Research on children who live in homes with domestic violence shows that there can be long-standing consequences to a child's health. Twenty-six states have passed laws protecting children who witness domestic violence. Children who grow up seeing violence between parents often struggle in their own relationships later in life. The single greatest predictor of whether children will grow up to be perpetrators of domestic violence is whether they witness it themselves as children. For more information, read the VIRTUS[®] article "Domestic Violence, Part 1" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien