

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

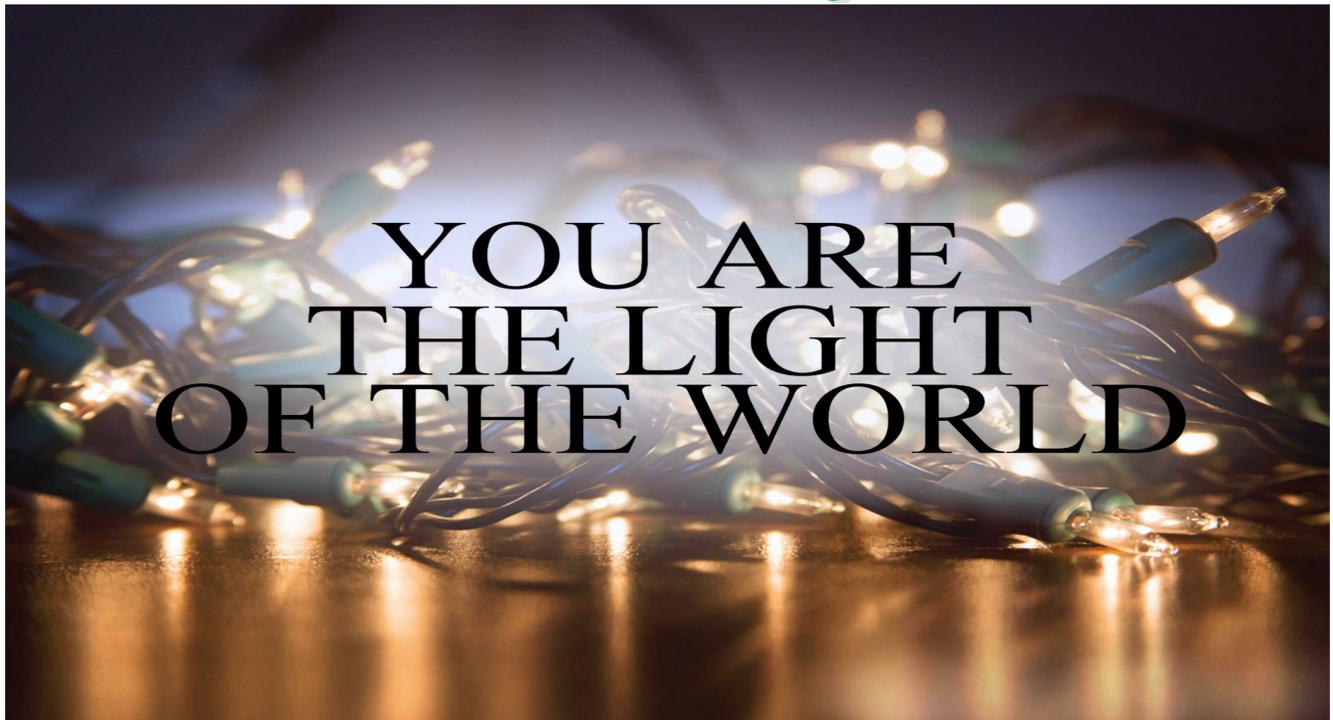


Holy Name of Jesus School

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 8, 2026



Fifth 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.

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, 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, 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 Sandifold, 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, 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 (Feb 9-Feb 15)

Monday	1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13 Psalm 132 Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 Psalm 84 Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37 Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106 Mark 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11:29-32:12 Psalm 81 Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kings 12:26-32,13: Psalm 106 Mark 8:1-10
Sunday	Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Sunday Reflection

The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

February 1, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 8,241.00

- \$ 1,759.00

Two Previous Years:

February 2, 2025 \$ 10,242.00

February 4, 2024 \$ 8,518.00

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



Online Giving

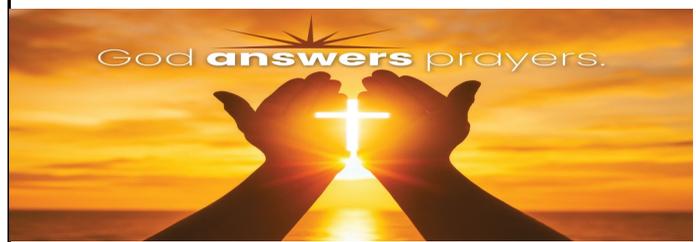
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A Secure & Convenient Way to Contribute to Your Parish Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except 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
- Try Parish Text-To-Give by texting your donation to 323-897-161



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 17th Sacrament of Matrimony and Holy Orders presented by Deacon & Mrs. Johnson and Father George from St. Brigid.** All are welcome.

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

Religious Formation - **No class on Saturday, February 14th or 21st.** Classes resume on February 28th. 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.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan (Oct. 6-17): Anastasis Tours has begun the registration process for the pilgrimage. The parish office is available to assist you if needed. This step is important to ensure your participation and the proper processing of your travel documents. We kindly ask that you complete your registration as soon as possible.

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!

Ash Wednesday is February 18. We will have our Masses at 8:15 am in English and at 7:00pm Bilingual. Ashes will be distributed immediately after Mass.

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.)*

Next Week we will have a Second collection for Lenten Fish Fry.

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

HNOJ school is celebrating 100 year anniversary of Dr. Carter Woodson starting Black History Week/Month

Feb. 9th—Mobile Stem Lab

Feb. 11th, —School Mass

Feb 13th -BYO VALENTINES DANCE .

Feb. 16th President's Day No School

Feb. 17th Fat Tuesday

Feb. 18th Ash Wednesday –Mass

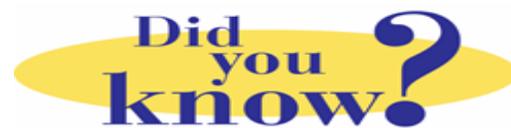
Feb. 20th No School

Feb. 22nd Family Mass

Feb, 23rd—Mobile Stem Lab

Feb 2th School Mass

Feb. 27th No School



The real dangers of pornography exposure

We know that pornography is a great evil, and easy access to the internet makes it all too likely that many children will be exposed to pornography at increasingly young ages — even if they are not actively searching for it. Children who are exposed to pornography are more likely to be abused, or to be desensitized to inappropriate behavior in their own relationships. Pornography can also change a child's brain, activating dopamine in patterns similar to substance addiction. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The real danger of children being exposed to pornography" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien