

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

January 11, 2026



The
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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 Esquiviel, 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 (Jan 12-Jan 18)

Monday	1 Samuel 1:1-8 Psalm 116 Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:9-20 1 Samuel 2:1-8 Mark 11:21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-10,20 Psalm 40 Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalm 44 Mark 1:40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8:4-7,22 Psalm 89 Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9:1-4,19 Psalm 21 Mark 2:13-17
Sunday	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 Psalm 40 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Sunday Reflection

At Jesus' baptism, God affirms his Son's mission for salvation. God announces his pleasure with Jesus and, in Matthew's Gospel, announces to all that, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). With this affirmation, Jesus is able to resist the temptations described next in Matthew's Gospel and to begin his public ministry. As family members, we can support one another in our Christian living by affirming the importance of each person in our eyes and in God's. Confident that through our Baptism we too were made children of God, we can resist temptation and share in Christ's mission.

Gather as a family to read today's Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17. Recall that God's message about Jesus was meant for us, "This is my beloved Son." It was also an affirmation for Jesus about his role in God's plan.

Place each family member's name on a slip of paper and put the names in a bowl. Invite each person in the family to choose another family member's name and to prepare a message for that person, affirming their importance in God's eyes and in your family life. Pray together that your family will continue to support one another in your baptismal promises to be disciples of Jesus and then invite each person to read aloud the message they prepared. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

January 4th, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 8,816.00

- \$ 1,184.00

Two Previous Years:

January 05, 2025 \$ 15,108.00

January 07, 2024 \$ 6,805.00

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



Online Giving

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

Repent,
for the
kingdom
of heaven
is near.

Matthew 3:2

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 20th** **Sacrament of Confirmation presented by Fr. Prosper from Transfiguration.** All are welcome.

1st & 2nd year Confirmation classes –January 15th 7 pm
Religious Formation - Classes are on Saturday 24th and 31st.
Mandatory parent meeting for those students preparing for First Communion.

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, February 7th, 2026, at 7:30 am, led by the African American Cultural Awareness and Eucharistic Ministries. Everyone is welcome to help.

The Josephite Liturgical and Historical Calendar, 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 February 7th and 8th, sponsored by the Forever Young 50+ Club Ministry. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

Next week we will have a Second Collection for Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the church in Africa.

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday-January 12 Art Trek
Wednesday, January 14 Mass at 8:15
Friday, January 16 **NO School** Jr. High
Growth mtg in person or on Zoom Monday-
January 19 **NO School** MLK Day Wednesday,
January 21 Mass at 8:15 Friday, January
23 -Mobile STEM Lab Saturday, Jan. 24 First
Holy Communion Parent meeting 9:30–
11:00 and Renewal Certification Virtus
Training 12:00-1:30
Sunday, January 25 Scholastic Book Fair
and HNOJ School Open House 11-12 pm
From January 25 - 31, 2026, NCEA continues
hosting the traditional Celebrate Catholic
Schools Week. Schools typically observe the
week with Masses, assemblies, events and
other activities for students, families, parishioners
and community
members to join the celebration around what
makes Catholic schools stellar.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

- Sunday celebrate our parish
- Monday celebrating our community
- Tuesday celebrating our students
- Wednesday celebrating our nation
- Thursday celebrating vocations
- Friday celebrating our Faculty, Staff 7
Volunteers
- Saturday celebrating our families



**How to advocate with children for
their safety**

As a safe adult, you have tremendous power to make a profound difference for children – not only by recognizing and responding to unsafe situations, but also by teaching children about their rights to safety and creating environments where they can speak up and get help.

There are skills we can teach to children to help them to better protect themselves when faced with tough situations like child sexual abuse or grooming experiences where their boundaries are violated. It is important to make sure children know this, so they don't feel guilt or shame if abuse does happen, to them or to a friend. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON