

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 18, 2026



Second 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

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.

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 19-Jan 25)

Monday	1 Samuel 15:16-23 Psalm 50 Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 89 Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17:32-33, Psalm 144 Mark 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Samuel 18:6-9,19 Psalm 56 Mark 3:7-12
Friday	1 Samuel 24:3-21 Psalm 57 Mark 3:13-19
Saturday	2 Samuel 1:1-27 Psalm 80 Mark 3:20-21
Sunday	Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Psalm 27 1 Corinthians 1:10- Matthew 4:12-23

Scam Alert!! Beware of any suspicious email or text messages. Call the office for verification.

Sunday Reflection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

January 11, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 9,517.00

- \$ 483.00

Two Previous Years:

January 12, 2025 \$ 4,795.00

January 14, 2024 \$ 5,455.00

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



Online Giving

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

'SERVING HANDS' MONTHLY FOOD SALE JANUARY 2026 REPORT SPONSORED BY AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL AWARENESS MINISTRY

INCOME

African American Cultural Awareness \$ 495.00
Food Sale \$1,564.00

SUB TOTAL INCOME \$2,059.00

EXPENSES

Invoices \$ 424.09

NET INCOME \$ 1,634.91

Thank you, our wonderful ministry sponsors, volunteers, parishioners, and patrons, for your continued support and participation. Great things continue to happen when we build our church community together. May God bless you all abundantly.

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 –February 5th 7 pm and Youth Day February 19th 6:30 am –5:00 pm

Religious Formation - Classes are on Saturday 24th and 31st. Mandatory parent meeting for those students preparing for First Communion on January 31, 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, 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. For more information about payments plan and spaces, contact the parish office.

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!

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



What is needed in a culture of safety?

By prioritizing safeguarding, education about healthy boundaries and access to support for survivors, we create safer learning environments for the children in our care in which we continually share responsibility among program leadership, employees, volunteers, families, and the community. In any culture of safety, the safety of children and vulnerable people is a core value, and all decisions are centered around protecting this safety. Beyond believing in the importance of safety, people within the organization take concrete actions to maintain a safe environment. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “High Stakes: A Culture of Safety for Every Child” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien