

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 25, 2026

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



Third 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 (Jan 26-Feb 1)

Monday	2 Timothy 1:1-8 Psalm 96 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Samuel 6:12-19 Psalm 24 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Samuel 7:18-19,29 Psalm 132 Mark 4:21-25
Friday	2 Samuel 11:1-4,17 Psalm 51 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Samuel 12:1-17 Psalm 51 Mark 4:35-41
Sunday	Zephaniah 2:3;3:13 Psalm 146 1 Corinthians 1:26 Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday Reflection

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In [Matthew 8:14-15](#) for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. [Matthew 20:20-28](#) relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000 January 18, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 3,988.00
- \$ 6,012.00

Two Previous Years:

January 19, 2025	\$ 3,350.00
January 21, 2024	\$ 9,739.00

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
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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, **February 3rd Sacrament of Eucharist and Holy Mass presented by Deacon Jim Carper St Bernadette.** 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 31st and Feb 5. 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 payment plans and spaces, contact the parish office.

The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on January 31st and February 1st, sponsored by the Forever Young 50+ Club Ministry. All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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



Saturday, Jan. 31 Mandatory parent meeting for those students preparing for First Communion- 9:30 to 11:00



What does grooming look like?

In practice, grooming relies on secrecy. Groomers use secrets to bind their child victims to them, starting with small secrets and working up to harmful ones, like abusive behaviors. Predators often use bribery ("I'll let you stay up late and watch TV if you let me do this."), threats ("I'll hurt you if you tell."), and withdrawal of affection ("I won't like you if you tell anyone the truth.") to keep children from disclosing abuse. Families should establish a "no secrets" rule, and never ask children to keep secrets from their parents or trusted adults. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien