

# 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 4, 2026

WE HAVE COME  
TO WORSHIP HIM.



Matthew 2:2

## The Epiphany of the Lord

## 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**

<b>Monday</b>	1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm 2 Matthew 4:12-17,23
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72 Mark 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72 Mark 6:45-52
<b>Thursday</b>	1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72 Luke 4:14-22
<b>Friday</b>	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147 Luke 5:12-16
<b>Saturday</b>	1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149 John 3:22-30
<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

# Sunday Reflection

In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the common project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.

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Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

## Stewardship Update

**Weekly Goal—\$10,000**

**December 28, 2025**

Actual Collection \$ 10,448.00  
+ \$ 448.00

### Two Previous Years:

December 29, 2024	\$ 14,413.00
December 31, 2023	\$ 15,581.00

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



## Online Giving

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

**BLESS US**  
in this new year, Lord.



My future is in  
**YOUR  
HANDS.**  
PSALM 31:15, NLT

# 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 6th** **Sacrament of Baptism** All are welcome.

1st & 2nd year Confirmation classes –January 8th and 15th 7 pm  
Religious Formation - Classes resume on Saturday 10th.

## Happy New Year

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 parish's new monthly food sale is happening today after each Mass. Meals are available for dine-in or take-out, and everyone is encouraged to support by purchasing at least one plate. Menu is posted in the hall.**

**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!**

# Holy Name School

**VIRTUS TRAINING REQUIRED FOR ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS**  
*Required by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles*

**Who must be trained?** All parents/guardians who wish to help with **field trips, classroom activities, or any setting where students are present.**

### On-Campus Training )

**Presenter:** Mrs. Catherine Brown  
**Session 1 at HNOJ**  
**Saturday, January 10, 12:00–3:00 p.m.**  
**Session 2 HNOJ Recertification only**  
**Wed., January 24, 12:00–1:30 p.m.**

**RSVP:** Call Mrs. Catherine Brown at (323) 243-4173

**School resumes on Mon., Jan. 5th**



**Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community**

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.

**Did you know?**

**The challenge of complacency**

Safe adults often move through the world with a heightened awareness of what could be suspicious behavior and warning signs – this may feel overwhelming. If they never encounter abuse, they could easily become complacent — thinking there is no potential for abuse because they have not seen it in their own lives. The antidote to complacency is to always remember the end goal: the safety and well-being of the children and vulnerable people in our parishes, schools, ministries and communities. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “The Challenge of Complacency” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

**CHAIRPERSON**  
**Thomas St. Julien**