

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.

July 12, 2026

*But as for what was sown on
good soil, this is the one who
hears the word and
understands it, who indeed
bears fruit ...*

Matthew 13:23, NRSV



Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday Reflection

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)

Stewardship Update Weekly Goal—\$10,000

July 5th, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 8,464.00
- \$ 1,536.00

Two Previous Years:

July 6th, 2025	\$ 9,337.00
July 7th, 2024	\$ 8,875.00

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



Online Giving

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

This is 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.

Call to Renew Commitment

Parish Goal: \$530, 000.00

Total Pledge: \$486,650.00

Total Paid: \$215,015.50

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Together in Mission Goal:

\$32,479.00

The Archdiocese through the Together in Mission has allocated the parish **\$60,000.00** towards BAS bill.

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 – 4:00pm
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, Ganine Arnold, Carol Oliska (Muffin) and Vanessa Batiste, Vincent Cocom, Michael Mosley, Irene Rideau, Anita Alexander, Hosea Alexander, Charisse Alexander, Camille Alvarado, Michael Arnold, Wendy Bedford, Brandon Blount, Alida Blunt, Frederick Bradley, Anthony Braithwaite, Sara Brazier, Catherine Brewster, Kim Brown, Lisa Brown, Helen Mosley Brown, Cheryl Broyard, Holly Budge, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, Claire Collins, 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, Logan Harris, Jim Higgins, Eddie Hilley, DeShawn Haylock, Barbara James, Krystal James & family, Dcn Douglass & Sherrie Johnson, Olga Johnson, L.J. Johnson, Jose Precise, Herbie & Nedie King, Adrian Klemm, Lorraine Klemm, Sharon Lee, Maria Lopez, Jr., Terrell Love III, Amy Mahoney, Rick Mellett, Leola Mercadel, Marilyn Leon-Middleton, Bernard Mitchell, Dimitri Morrison, Amy Mahoney, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orkeh, Aida Palarca, John Derrick Palarca, Nia Porter, Jeanmarie Phillips, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Constance Sandifold, Audrey Shaw, Dana Sims, Jonel Seon, Sandra Simmons, Loise Smith, Yolanda Smith, Grant Soberanis Jr., Fredrick Stafford, Kamilie Swift, Pat Swinson, Gilberto Tatenco, Leroy Titus, Anyaa Trahan, Joanna Velloso, 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 (July 13-19)

Monday	Isaiah 1:10-17 Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Isaiah 7:1-9 Psalm 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16 Psalm 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Psalm 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 Matthew 11:28-30
Friday	Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Micah 2:1-5 Psalm 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 Matthew 12:14-21
Sunday	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

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.

Call Cathy Brown for information on registration for 2026-2027 Confirmation classes. (323) 243-4173 participants 14 yrs –18 yrs and/or CCD (Religious Formation) 5 yrs to 18 yrs. Religious Formation Classes for 2026-2027 start in September. Please read bulletin for updates.

Registration for Sacramental preparation will be on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 9:30 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

The next group church cleaning is on Saturday, August 1st, at 7:30 am, led by the Mariano ministry. Everyone is welcome to help.

Our parish legacy Raffle is now in circulation for everyone to participate. Spread the good news. Please get your raffle tickets from Glen Wright, Deacon Jose Penate or from the office.

Our Pastor, Fr. Ugwu, will celebrate his farewell Mass on Sunday, August 2, at 9:00 AM Unity Mass (combined English and Spanish celebration). Following the Mass, the parish community will honor him with a farewell reception in the Parish Hall as we gather in gratitude for his dedicated and fruitful ministry among us. Please plan to join us as we thank Fr. Ugwu for his faithful service, offer him our prayers, and wish him God's abundant blessings in his new assignment



Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope that you and your family are enjoying a restful and rejuvenating summer! We are so grateful for the wonderful year we shared together and look forward to all that is ahead for the 2026–27 school year.

Holy Name of Jesus School is now registering children from TK-8th grade. Small class sizes, academic -excellence, faith in formation, choir, sports, art, music and self-esteem classes for middle school. Please call the office for information, 323 731-2255. The school office will be closed for two weeks starting July 13-24th. Starting July 27th through August 19 the school office will be open from 8:30 –2:00 pm. HNOJ school resumes on Thursday, August 20, 2026

We are excited to welcome all students back on Thursday, August 21, 2026 — the first day of the 2026–27 school year!



What is Generative Artificial Intelligence?

Generative Artificial Intelligence is technology that allows a user to create new or alter existing images, videos, or text, based on user prompts or requests. It can be misused to create AI-generated child sexual abuse material, including sexually explicit or exploitative images that depict real children. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, this technology is being used to exploit children, particularly in the creation of GAI Child Sexual Abuse Material, often generated from images that have already been posted or shared online. In many cases, the offenders were people who knew the child victims well. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/generative-ai>.

Thomas St Julien
Chairman