

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 19, 2026



Sixteenth Sunday of 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 – 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 Esquivel, 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 Vello, 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 20-26)

Monday	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday	Song of Songs 3:1-4b Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3:14-17 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Matthew 20:20-28
Sunday	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

Sunday Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Call to Renew Commitment

Parish Goal: \$530, 000.00

Total Pledge: \$486,650.00

Total Paid: \$226,594.00

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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.

Stewardship Update Weekly Goal—\$10,000

July 12, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 5,526.00
- \$ 4,474.00

Two Previous Years:

July 13, 2025 \$ 4,898.00

July 14, 2024 \$ 6,650.00

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



Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynamenameofjesusla.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.

'SERVING HANDS' MONTHLY FOOD SALE JULY 2026 REPORT SPONSORED BY KPC/KPCLA

INCOME

KPC/KPCLA	\$ 500.00
Food Sale	\$ 1,285.00
SUB TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,785.00

EXPENSES

Invoices	\$ 311.42
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NET INCOME \$ 1,453.78

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.

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.

If you have not received your legacy Raffle or are seeking additional copies, please get your raffle tickets from Glen Wright, Deacon Jose Penate or from the office.

Be sure to extend a warm welcome to Father David Denny, from Cross Catholic Outreach when he comes to visit our parish next weekend. Fr. Denny is a Dominican priest and will be speaking at all Masses next weekend. Cross Catholic Outreach is a Catholic nonprofit ministry that partners with bishops, priests, and religious and lay workers to provide food, water, housing, education, orphan support, medical care, elderly care, microenterprise and disaster relief — and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ — to the poorest of the poor in many countries around the world. To learn more about the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach and its mission, please visit its website, [CrossCatholic.org/ outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach).

Please remember that on Sunday, August 2, we will celebrate one Unity Mass at 9:00 AM as we gather for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell in honor of our pastor, Fr. Ugwu. Let us come together as one parish family to thank God for his dedicated service and to wish him every blessing in his new assignment. May the Lord continue to guide, strengthen, and accompany him in his priestly ministry

Please keep the Josephite Community in your prayers as they prepare for their Special Chapter to elect a new Superior General. May the Holy Spirit guide the discernment of the delegates, and may God continue to bless, strengthen, and sustain the Josephite apostolate in service to the Church and God's people

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!

Did you know?

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*