

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 5, 2026



Fourteenth 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, 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 6-12)

Monday	Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday	Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16 Matthew 10:7-15
Friday	Matthew 10:7-15 Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17 Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Sunday Reflection

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did. Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company. The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us. In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.



Stewardship Update Weekly Goal—\$10,000

June 28, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 5,317.00
- \$ 4,683.00

Two Previous Years:

June 29, 2025	\$ 6,357.00
June 30, 2024	\$ 8,479.00

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.

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.



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, July 11th at 7:30 am, led by the Proclaimers of the Word. 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.

Our team has been in the office closing out the school year and has already begun preparations for the year ahead. We want to make sure you have all the information you need to reach us over the summer.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

- The office is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM (excluding holidays).
- The office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.
- The office will be closed July 13–July 24 for campus cleaning and preparation.
- Following that closure, the office will resume regular summer hours (8:30 AM – 2:00 PM) and will return to regular school hours the week prior to the first day of school.

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



What is grooming?

Child safety experts consider grooming a core component of sexual abuse. Grooming is a manipulative process in which a person who intends harm gains access to a child, often through behaviors that seem innocent, and builds up a relationship that will ultimately allow the predator to abuse the child. Children who are groomed are slowly taught to accept and excuse any behaviors by the predator, because of the relationship that has been built up over time. A predator relies on manipulation to reduce a child's resistance and to maintain secrecy. For more information on grooming, read the VIRTUS® article "Behind the Smile: Uncovering the Warning Signs of Grooming, Part 1" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Thomas St Julien
Chairman