

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

March 29, 2026



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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.

Mass Scripture Readings for the Week (Mar 30-Apr 5)

Monday	Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27 John 12:1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71 John 13:21-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 69 Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday	Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 Psalm 116 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31 Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7 John 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Genesis 1:1-2:2: Psalm 16 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14 Mark 16:1-7
Sunday	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

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 Esquivel, Sean Eugene, Marlon Fajardo, Arthur Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Madisyn Grant, Sylvia Garbutt, Victor Garbutt, Jim Higgins, Eddie Hilley, 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, 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, Andy & 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.

Sunday Reflection

Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus’ Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday’s Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a “way of the cross.”

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today’s liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus’ Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today’s Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday’s Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus’ Passion and death in Matthew’s Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus’ prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father’s will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew’s description of Jesus’ death shows Jesus’ obedience to the Father.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

March 22, 2026

Actual Collection \$16,048.00

+ \$6,048.00

Two Previous Years:

March 23, 2025 \$ 5,030.00

March 24, 2024 \$ 5,524.00

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



Online Giving

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

Call to Renew Commitment

Parish Goal: \$530, 000.00

Total Pledge: \$486,650.00

Total Paid: \$206,894.00

& Together in Mission Goal:

\$32,479.00



Bethlehem

Once In A Lifetime Experience

Jerusalem

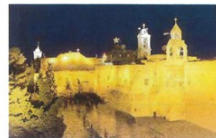
Pilgrimage To the Holy Land, Jordan

Nazareth

12 Days, From October 6-17 of 2026

Petra

Fr. Kenneth Ugwu- Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church- Los Angeles, CA
Fr. Joseph C. Benjamin- St Augustine’s Catholic Church - New Roads, LA



Cost: \$3995 in double room, \$4695 in a single room + \$ 390 Travel insurance (optional)

Price includes:

- Air fair
- Transportation in deluxe Motor coaches with air condition
- Buffet Breakfast and dinner
- 4 Star Hotels
- All Entrance fees and taxes
- Boat ride across the sea of Galilee
- English speaking guide
- Assistance at the airport upon arrival and departure
- Daily mass at all holy sites
- Rededication of water baptism in Jordan River
- Renewal of wedding vows in Cana

Price Does not include:

- Transportation to and from the U.S.A airport
- Travel cancellation protection and health insurance
- Tips to tour guide \$7 per day/person, bus driver \$ 5 per day/person and hotels \$30 per day/ Group.
- Telephone calls, Laundry, and alcohol beverages
- **Border Taxes: Exit from Allenby \$55 Approx. paid in person only.**
- Drinks at meals.

For a brochure with complete details Contact:

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E-Mail: holynameofjesus@gmail.com

Mrs. Karen Henry at (225) 638-7553
E-Mail: sacsecretary@josephite.com

Or

Contact: Anastasis Tours
Tel: (661) 484-3938
13711 Reserve Ct, Bakersfield, CA 93314
E-mail: AnastasisTours@hotmail.com

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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. Candidates will receive the Sacraments on Saturday April 4th at the 7pm Vigil Mass.

1st/2nd year must attend Holy Thursday Mass on April 2nd at 7 pm 1st year class on April 16th at 7 pm
2nd year Confirmation Ceremony on April 17th at 7pm at St Brigid Catholic Church.

No CCD classes on April 4th. Mandatory Parent meeting on April 11, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:00 am.
CCD Classes resume on April 11th, 18th and 25th.

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, April 4th, at 7:30 am, led by the Ushers, Hospitality and The Sower Ministries. Everyone is welcome to help.

Do you desire to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and experience the sacred places of our faith and deepen your belief through this life-changing spiritual journey? Check the bulletin for the details.

Join us in the hall for our Lenten Fish Fry Sales on Good Friday starting from 2PM.

Remember to call the parish office if you or any parishioner needs communion calls or visitation at home or hospitals.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual), and Adoration at Altar of Repose will start at 7:00PM until 12midnight. Everyone is invited to participate.

Good Friday: Stations and Veneration of the Cross Service start at 12Noon in English. The Bilingual Neighborhood Stations of the Cross Service starts at 5PM in the Church followed by the Veneration of the Cross in Spanish. Please endeavor to join.

Holy Saturday: The Vigil Mass starts at 7PM with the service of the Light in the parish courtyard.

Easter Sunday: Masses are at 9AM (English) and 12Noon (Spanish).

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Spring break 3/30-4/10*
- *Re-registration for 26-27 school year has begun*
- Sunday, March 29—Holy Week*
 - *Palm Sunday 3/29*
 - *Holy Thursday 4/3 Mass at 7pm*
 - *Good Friday services at 12 noon*
 - *Holy Saturday Vigil at 7 pm*
 - *Easter services at 9 am and 12 pm*
 - *Popcorn Fundraiser April 2nd-6th*
 - *Classes Resumes on Mon. April 13th*
 - *Star Testing April 13—May 28th*
 - *Grad night 8th grade only April 13th*
 - *Science Fair project due April 13th*
 - *School Mass April 15, 22 and 29*
 - *Science Fair judging April 24th*
 - *Family Mass April 26th*



Encourage children to practice personal boundary safety rules

All children should know their personal boundaries and know that they have a right to be safe in their own bodies. Encourage children to speak up and say “no” when they feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. They should know to get away from an unsafe situation as quickly as possible, and to tell a safe adult what happened. When a child says they don’t want to show affection, an adult should prioritize that child’s boundary. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON

Thomas St. Julien