

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

May 17, 2026



The Ascension of the Lord

Pastoral Administration

Very Rev. Kenneth C. Ugwu, SSJ.
Pastor

Deacon Douglass Johnson
Deacon José Penate
Deacon Hosea Alexander (Rtd).

Mrs. Marilyn Cedenno, 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 (May 18-May 24)

Monday	Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68 John 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27 Psalm 68 John 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68 John 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Psalm 16 John 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103 John 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20;30-31 Psalm 11 John 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

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, Logan Harris, 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, 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 Vellos, 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

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel. The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount. Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus." The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

May 10, 2026

Actual Collection \$ 7,021.00

- \$ 2,979.00

Two Previous Years:

May 11, 2025 \$ 4,539.00

May 12, 2024 \$ 3,815.00

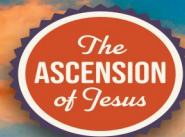
Thank you for your generous stewardship. Your church needs your financial support.



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.



“ I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. ”

LUKE 24:49, ESV

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.

Confirmation 1st year class is on May 21st at 7 pm.

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 First Holy Communion candidates, please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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, June 6th at 7:30 am, led by the Mariano Ministry. Everyone is welcome to help.

The Serving Hands Ministry will hold the next Monthly Parish Food Sale on Saturday June 6th and Sunday June 7th, sponsored by CCD/OCIA, Girls Scouts, Shinning Faith YAM Ministries. The menu is on the bulletin All are encouraged to support. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your commitment to Together in Mission and Call to Renew fulfilments. It is a blessing to our parish.

Important Altar Servers training and meetings are now scheduled for every 3rd Saturday of the month, (9:30am-11:30am). All are invited, both current altar servers and new members. Next training is on the 20th of June.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants. May you become more like Christ, whom you have received, amen.

THIS WEEKEND we have a Second Collection for Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity.

Holy Name School

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. May 13th at 8:15 am
- Wed. May 20th at 8:15 am
- May Crowning Wed. May 27th 8:30 am
- **Sunday, May 17th Family Mass and First Holy Communion**
- Pentecost Sunday, May 24th Birthday of the Christian church
- Memorial Day Monday May 25th - No School
- Wednesday, June 3rd 9:00 am –Eighth Grade Baccalaureate Mass
- Thursday, June 4th Eighth Grade Graduation 10:30am
- Wednesday, June 10th 11:30 am -5th grade culmination
- Thursday, June 11 10:30 am Kindergarten Graduation
- Fri., June 12th Last day of school Dismissal at noon.



Know the signs of potential abuse for vulnerable adults

Keeping children from harm is essential, but it is just as important to prioritize the protection of vulnerable adults. A vulnerable adult is someone who, due to a physical, mental, emotional, or behavior condition, may not be able to protect themselves from harm or exploitation. Warning signs of abuse can include injuries, signs of apparent malnutrition or dehydration, soiled clothing or bedding, anxiety, and unclean living conditions. By understanding the reality of vulnerable adult abuse, considering our own behavior, learning warning signs and communicating concerns – we can strive to protect other who may not be in a position to protect themselves. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Continuing Our Efforts to Protect Vulnerable Adults” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Thomas St Julien
Chairman