

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

November 23, 2025

**TODAY
YOU WILL
BE WITH ME
IN PARADISE**



**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

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 – 6:00pm
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.

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, Carol, Oliska (Muffin) and Vanessa Batiste, Vincent Cocom, Anita Alexander, Hosea Alexander, Charisse Alexander, Camille Alvarado, Michael Arnold, Wendy Bedford, Alida Blunt, Frederick Bradley, Anthony Braithwaite, Sara Brazier, Catherine Brewster, Kim Brown, Lisa Brown, Cheryl Broyard, Holly Budge, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, 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, Marilyn Leon-Middleton, Bernard Mitchell, Dimitri Morrison, Amy Mahoney, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orkeh, Nia Porter, 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, Anyaa Trahan, Joanna Vello, Tammy & Treavon Ware, Valerie Walters, Sandra Wheeler, Alan Whitney, Oscar Williams, 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.

Holy Hour / Adoration

First Friday of every Month
8-9AM & 7-8 PM Rosary and
Blessed Sacrament Devotion.

Mass Scripture Readings for the Week (Nov 24 - Nov 30)

Monday	Daniel 1:1-6,8-20 Daniel 3:52-56 Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Daniel 2:31-45 Daniel 3:57-61 Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Daniel 5:1-28 Daniel 3:62-67 Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	Daniel 6:12-28 Daniel 3:68-74 Luke 21:20-28
Friday	Daniel 7:2-14 Daniel 3:75-81 Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	Daniel 7:15-27 Daniel 3:82-87 Luke 21:34-36
Sunday	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

Sunday Reflection

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

November 16, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 6,295.00

- \$ 3,705.00

Two Previous Years:

November 17, 2024 \$ 4,006.00

November 19, 2023 \$ 7,511.00

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



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.

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Benefits of Online Giving include:

- No need to hassle with checks or cash
 - 24/7 web-based access
- Easily schedule recurring donations to coincide with your pay period
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses
- No need to share bank account information because you enter it directly into the Online Giving secure site
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend parish services
- Try Parish Text-To-Give by texting your donation to 323-897-161

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. Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. On Tuesday, **December 3rd topic is History of the Catholic Church.** All are welcome.

1st and 2nd year Confirmation classes - Dec. 4th and 18th at 7 pm
Religious Formation - Classes on Saturday, 6th, 13th and 20th.
No classes will be held on Sat., Dec., 27th and on January 3, 2026.
Classes resume on Saturday, January 10th.

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 intercede for us.

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness: The next group church cleaning will be on Saturday, December 6th at 7:30 am., led by the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council and CCD/OCIA Religious Formation. All are welcome. Thank you!

Josephite Liturgical and Historical Calendars: Our parish calendars are now available for a \$5.00 donation each. Get your limited copy from the ushers or the parish office.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan – October 6–17, 2026: You are warmly invited to join Fr. Ugwu, SSJ on a grace-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan next year, October 6–17, 2026. This spiritual journey is a beautiful opportunity to deepen your faith, walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and enrich the life of your family. Experience the Scriptures come alive, visit sacred sites, celebrate Mass in holy places, and encounter God in a profoundly renewing way. Spaces may be limited. See the flyer/Bulletin or call the parish office. Come and be part of this unforgettable journey of faith and blessing!

Monthly Parish Food Sale: The next food sale, organized by the Serving Hands Ministry, will be held on the weekend of December 6th and 7th. This month's sponsors are the Parish Pastoral Council, Holy Name of Jesus School PTO and Alumni. We encourage everyone's support. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Name of Jesus 50plus Club, our Christmas party this year will be on December 13th beginning at 11:30 am in the church hall. We will have delicious food catered, music and lots of fun. Please come out for our lovely Christmas party, for members the price is \$55.00 per person non-members \$65.00 per person please contact President Clyde Sparrow, Dana Sims or Karen King to pay. We will have our next 50plus Club meeting on Saturday November 15th at 11:30 AM in the church hall. Thank you.

This coming Thursday November 27 is Thanksgiving Day, and our Mass (Bilingual) will be held at 9:00am, immediately after Mass, Thanksgiving Dinner at the Parish Hall. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

Next week we will have a Second Collection for Christmas Charity.

Holy Name School

HNOJ is Enrolling
PreK—8th Grade

Thanksgiving break Nov. 24-28th

THE ADVENT SEASON AT HNOJ

December ushers in a season of hope and holy anticipation. We are delighted to gather as a school family for three special celebrations:

1. Breakfast With Santa – Wed., Dec. 10th

Hosted by a committee of our PTO and Executive Board, this beloved morning will give our students a chance to explore the wonder of Christmas at their level. Expect joy, imagination, and festive moments that sparkle.

2. Mother Christmas Lunch– Sun., Dec. 21st

This beautiful celebration is lovingly sponsored by our **Nigerian Josephite Sisters**, who will provide a lunch/dinner and gifts for our students and their families. Their generosity brings the spirit of Advent to life—a reminder of how deeply we are blessed.

3. Christmas Program – Wed., Dec. 17th

Our students will present the story of Christ's birth through narration, song, and performance. This cherished tradition brings our community together in celebration, reverence, and joy.



Facts about psychological grooming

A few weeks ago, we looked at physical grooming and how predators use it to lure victims. Another type of grooming is *psychological*, in which a predator spends a great deal of time with his or her victim, showering them with attention and making the victim feel a shared connection. When the predator becomes a peer to the child, then he has control. He can then offer special treatment — or threaten to take away that treatment, and even make threats against the child's family, pets, and other friends. For more information about psychological grooming, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know.](https://www.lacatholics.org/did-you-know/)

CHAIRPERSON
Thomas St. Julien