

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 30, 2025

Keep
awake
therefore,
for you
do not know
on what day
your
Lord
is coming.

First Sunday of Advent

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 Esquviel, 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 Vellos, Tammy & Treavon Ware, Valerie Walters, Sandra Wheeler, Alan Whitney, Oscar Williams, and Regina Wiltz.

Holy Hour / Adoration

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

Mass Scripture Readings for the Week (Dec 1 - Dec 7)

Monday	Isaiah 4:2-6 Psalm 122 Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72 Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23 Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118 Matthew 7:21-27
Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27 Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21,23 Psalm 147 Matthew 9:35-10:1
Sunday	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

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

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

November 23, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 4,268.00

- \$ 5,732.00

Two Previous Years:

November 24, 2024 \$ 4,260.00

November 26, 2023 \$ 3,755.00

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.

The link is: <https://www.holynamenameofjesus la.org/online giving>

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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.

The novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe will start on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 at 6:00pm at Holy Name Church. You're invited to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday, December 12, 2025 Mañanitas with Mariachi @ 5:00am. Mass in the evening at 7:00pm with Mariachi, following mass there will be refreshments in the parish hall.

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 community grooming

There is a third type of grooming: *community grooming*. In community grooming, a predator creates a controlled environment, projecting an image of a responsible, caring adult. They mimic the behavior of good people around them, to get closer to children and then select a victim. Adults often have trouble seeing potentially troubling behavior, because they have been groomed to see the predator as an upstanding person. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON
Thomas St. Julien