

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

September 7, 2025

... carry the
CROSS
and follow me ...

Luke 14:27, NRSV

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Administration

Very Rev. Kenneth C. Ugwu, SSJ.
Pastor

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

Mrs. Marilyn Ceden, 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, 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, Hilarion Domingue, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquivel, Marlon Fajardo, Arthur Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Madisyn Grant, Sylvia Garbutt, Victor Garbutt, Jim Higgins, Eddie Hilley, DeShawn Haylock, Barbara James, Krystal James & family, Den Douglass & Sherrie Johnson, Olga 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, Nicole Nash, Amy Mahoney, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orkeh, Nia Porter, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Constance Sandifold, Andy & Audrey Shaw, Shanee Shepherd, 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, Jeanne Wiltz 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 (Sept 8—Sept 14)

Monday	Micah 5:1-4 Psalm 13 Matthew 1:1-16,18
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-15 Psalm 145 Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	Colossians 3:1-11 Psalm 145 Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 150 Luke 6:27-38
Friday	1 Timothy 1:1-14 Psalm 16 Luke 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Timothy 1:15-17 Psalm 113 Luke 6:43-49
Sunday	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 78 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Sunday Reflection

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

August 31, 2025

Actual Collection \$ 5,446.00

- \$ 4,554.00

Two Previous Years:

September 01, 2024 \$ 9,290.00

September 03, 2023 \$ 8,609.00

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.

SAVE THE DATE
BACK TO
CHURCH
WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 19-21

**Do you
have your
HNOJ Legacy
Raffle tickets
yet?**



Religious Education

OCIA (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. OCIA classes are for those seeking to become Catholic or learn about the faith. Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, with new classes starting in October. All are welcome.

CCD classes for Religious Formation and Sacramental Preparation will resume in September. If you need to register you must make an appointment with Mrs. Brown. Please refer to the bulletin for up-to-date information.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist or volunteer, contact Cathy Brown for more information

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.

Back to Church Family fun day team calls on anyone or group who wants to perform a talent show by either a cultural song or dance or Poetry or drums etc. Please contact Karen Pinson (kpinson670@aol.com) or parish office ASAP.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness: The next group church cleaning is on Saturday September 13 @ 7:30 am. and will be led by the Adult Choirs Ministry. All are welcome, thank you.

We are grateful to the families and everyone who have collected their allocated legacy raffles and some others who have collected extra booklets. Thank you for your kind support. Please see Glenn Wright and Deacon Jose Penate.

Next Weekend we will have a Second Collection for Black and Indian Missions.

Holy Name School

HNOJ is Enrolling PreK—8th Grade

Regular schedule: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:–3:00 PM

Wednesdays: 8:00 AM–12:00

-Students will attend Mass in the morning, followed by classes from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM. There will be one break only, from 9:30–10:00. If you eat school lunch you may pick up lunch at dismissal and either eat in the cafeteria before leaving or take it home.

Afterschool Program

Our afterschool program began on September 2nd.

Students should wear their school uniform, but please note that sweatshirts and sweaters can raise internal body temperature. We recommend leaving these items at home on hot days. Send a filled, labeled water bottle. Apply sunscreen before school if needed. We will limit strenuous outdoor activity,



Downloading apps

If your child has a mobile phone or tablet, you should be aware of what apps he or she is downloading and using. There are several apps designed to hide photos and videos, that are protected by security features like passwords, fingerprints or face ID. These apps may not be immediately obvious on a device, as they are designed to be hidden. One tip to avoid hidden content or apps is to set up a shared log-in or account which will allow you to prevent anything from being loaded to your child's phone without your knowledge. For more tips and information, read the VIRTUS® article "Do You Know What's Dwelling On Your Child's Phone?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CHAIRPERSON
Thomas St. Julien