

# 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

## April 21, 2024

**I AM  
THE  
GOOD  
SHEPHERD.**

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE  
FOR THE SHEEP.**

JOHN 10:11

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

### 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

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 Scripture Readings for the Week (Apr 22-Apr 28)**

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 42,43 John 10:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 11:19-26 Psalm 87 John 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 12:24-13:5 Psalm 67 John 12:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Peter 5:5-14 Psalm 89 Mark 16:15-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 13:26-33 Psalm 2 John 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 13:44-52 Psalm 98 John 14:7-14
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 22 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

### **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.

## **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, Oliska (Muffin) Batiste, Carol 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, Rosa Chavarin, Julia Cocom, Jennie Dudley, Keira Easley, Raheim Enriquez, Anna Esquivel, Arthur Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Madisyn Grant, Jim Higgins, Eddie Hilley, DeShawn Haylock, Gloria Irvine, Barbara James, Krystal James & family, Dcn Douglass & Sherrie Johnson, Olga Johnson, Herbie & Nedie King, Adrian Klemm, Lorraine Klemm, Sharon Lee, Maria Lopez, Frank LeSassier, Jr., Terrell Love III, Amy Mahoney, Rick Mellett, Marilyn Leon-Middleton, Dimitri Morrison, Nicole Nash, Amy Mahoney, Antonia Noguera, Godwin Orkeh, Nia Porter, Brenda Robinson, Perla Sander, Antionette Sanders, Constance Sandiford, Andy & Audrey Shaw, Shanee Shepherd, Dana Sims, Jonel Seon, Sandra Simmons, Loise Smith, Yolanda Smith, Grant Soberanis Jr., Fredrick Stafford, Debra Stewart, Kamilie Swift, Pat Swinson, Janice Thornhill, Anyaa Trahan, Joanna Vellos, Tammy Brown-Ware and 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.***

# Sunday Reflection

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: *Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?* Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honor our commitment. Pray together [Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity](#).

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The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

## Stewardship Update

Weekly Goal—\$10,000

April 14, 2024

Actual Collection \$ 3,768.00  
- \$ 6,232.00

Two Previous Years:

April 16, 2023 \$ 4,548.00  
April 17, 2022 \$ 11,718.00

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



## Online Giving

The link is: <https://www.holynameofjesus la.org/online-giving>  
**Online Giving**

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.

### 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

CCD class resume on Saturday, Apr. 13th and 20th at 9:30 am.  
Parent Meeting on April 13th at 9:30. No class on Saturday, April 27th.

**Confirmation** Confirmation is on Friday, April 19th at 7 pm at St Bernadette Catholic Church. Please pray for these confirmation candidates and their families Bosco, Joseph, Gallego, O’Ryan, Gomez, Braelyn, Gonzalez, Melissa, Mora, Daniel, Padilla, Steven, Perez, Andrea, Perez, Brayan, Perez, Daniel, Rodriquez, Luis, Quijano Izabelle, Yohannes, Ejam.

**Our RCIA candidates**, Cesar Gomez, Bree-Anna Harris, Slyvia Harris and Debbie Norman are fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Dominy Reyes and Hailey Melendez are among the newest members of our church. baptized. Cristian Zelaya Wa confirmed,

The parish telephone live conference number is (267) 807-9598; and the Access Number is 590725113#. 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.

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, April 23 at 6.30PM pm in the Acacia Center Parish Pastoral Room.

The members of the St. Theresa Mini-Kitchen will meet on Thursday, April 25 at 6:00pm in the Acacia Center.

Holy Name of Jesus Parish will hold its first pastoral summit listening sessions on May 4th and 8th, facilitated by the Archdiocesan Racial Justice Ministry. These are the group session schedule: May 4, 10am—12 Noon = (African Americans); May 4, 2—4 PM = (Caribbeans, Islanders, Asians, Africans, Euro-Americans) etc; May 8, 7-9PM = (Hispanics / Latinos). All are welcome in the Acacia center. The registration is now open through the link on the Email and Facebook. Invite everyone to register. Thank you

or  
Scan here and Register



# Holy Name School

**HNOJ is Enrolling  
PreK—8th Grade**

Please keep our principal, Marilyn Cedeno in your prayers, her brother Oliver his funeral will be on April 11th.

HNOJ Tk-8th grade school will be going on a field trip to the California Science Center in April.

Scrip gift cards are available for sale by special order or from stock on hand see attached list.

Family mass on Sunday, April 28th will be ministered by our TK-1st grade classes,



**“Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel  
Resource Booklet**

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 “Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more information go to <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

**CHAIRPERSON  
Thomas St. Julien**