

**M A S S S C H E D U L E**

**Monday 12/15 7:30AM Fr. Spellman**

**Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17  
 Psalm 25:4-9  
 Matthew 21:23-27**

**Tuesday 12/16 7:30AM Fr. Idomele**

**Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13  
 Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23  
 Matthew 21:28-32**

**Wednesday 12/17 7:30AM Fr. Spellman**

**Genesis 49:2, 8-10  
 Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8, 17  
 Matthew 1:1-17**

**Thursday 12/18 7:30AM Fr. Idomele**

**Jeremiah 23:5-8  
 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
 Matthew 1:18-25**

**Friday 12/19 7:30AM Fr. Spellman**

**Judges 13:2-7, 24-25  
 Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17  
 Luke 1:5-25**

**Saturday 12/20 7:30AM Fr. Spellman  
 4:30PM Fr. Idomele**

**Isaiah 7:10-14  
 Psalm 24:1-6  
 Luke 1:26-38**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 12/21 8:00am Fr. Spellman  
 10:00am Fr. Spellman  
 12:30pm Fr. Spellman**

**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
 Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29  
 Romans 16:25-27**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm - Penance Service (at Holy Name of Jesus Church)

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

4:30pm – Mass (English)  
 6:00pm – Las Posadas (Espanol)  
 7:00pm – Misa (Espanol)  
 11:30pm – Christmas Carols  
 12:00 midnight – Mass (English) with Morning Star Choir

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

10:00am – Mass (English) with Brighter Day Youth Choir  
 12:30pm – Misa (Espanol)

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Eve**

7:30am – Mass (English)  
 7:30pm – Mass (English) – Father Joseph

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary, the Mother of God**

10:00am – Mass (English)  
 12:30pm – Misa (Espanol)

*Please note that all Sunday Masses will be at the regular scheduled times.*

*Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Holy Family and the Kwanza theme will be incorporated into the masses.*

**Church Bulletin Board**

Monday, Dec 15, 2008	10:00am Journey Bible 7:00pm Journey Bible
Tuesday, Dec 16, 2008	7:00pm Substance Abuse 7:00pm Evangelization 7:00pm Penance Service
Wednesday, Dec 17, 2008	7:00pm MSC
Thursday, Dec 18, 2008	12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Charismatic group
Friday, Dec 19, 2008	6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Bible Study
Saturday, Dec 20, 2008	9:30am Religious Formation 11:00am Girl Scouts
Sunday, Dec 21, 2008	2:00pm Awe Drumming

## Pastor's Letter

We are now celebrating the **Third Sunday of Advent**, and we continue to light more candles on our Advent wreath symbolizing the growth in the Light of Christ in our lives. Our call as Catholics and as Christians is to share that Light with our brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.

In the spirit of **Evangelization**, Holy Name of Jesus Church is pleased to announce the installation of **our new parish website!** As you may know, one of our parishioners, **Tatiana El Khouri** has spent numerous hours over the past few months designing our website and establishing links to various other Catholic organizations. And she has been doing it all for free! Once again, we have an example of one of our many parishioners who share their time, their talent, and the treasure with our parish community.

I invite you to take a look at our new website which is: [www.holynameofjesus-la.org](http://www.holynameofjesus-la.org)

There is invaluable information about our parish, our parish ministries and, in order to keep everyone updated with news events, the Sunday parish bulletin is now uploaded on to the website each Thursday. So, you can "read ahead" to see what is going to be announced at Mass the following Sunday. And, again, a special thank you to **Shannon Mercadel** who prepares our weekly bulletin, to **Greg Warner** who prints the bulletin each week, and **Dolores Ricks** and her special-needs friends who come in each week to fold the bulletins and place the inserts inside the bulletins.

Finally, if you have friends who live out of town and want to keep up with the activities of Holy Name of Jesus Church, simply invite them to "**surf the web**" and they will get the latest news!

**During this time of Advent, let us continue to shine our light into the world as we follow the Light of Christ!**

May the Lord continue to bless us always and in all ways, **Father Paul**

The Evangelization Committee will be meeting on Tuesday Dec. 16Th in the Acacia Ctr. at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend. **We are especially inviting parishioners who see a need to energize our Ministry of Hospitality.** Let's keep the spirit of evangelism growing. Come out and get involved in exciting plans to bring the love of Jesus to our community and bring our community to the love of Jesus.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you, Deacon Doug Johnson

If anyone else would like to turn in names and addresses and booking #'s of family members who are incarcerated, you may give that information to an usher, or to Shannon in the office. We will be sending out letters and Christmas Cards on Dec. 15Th.

Thanks for your continues support,

### 2008 Together In Mission for December Is Nearing the End

The final billing for the 2008 Together in Mission Campaign will be sent in early December to those who still have a balance due on their pledges. Our parishioners have already contributed \$28,239.18 but we still must contribute \$13,698.29 more to reach our cash goal of \$41,937.47. If we do not reach our parish goal in cash received, we will need to pay the difference from our normal parish operating funds. All funds received in excess of our parish goal will be rebated 100% back to our parish.

The 35 parishes and 48 schools that receive funding from this campaign are depending on the generosity of those who contribute in order to continue providing sacramental, ministerial and educational services to those who live in the most financially disadvantaged area of our Archdiocese.

If you have a balance due on your pledge, please make every effort to pay it. If you have not already made a donation, please call Father Paul at the parish office and arrange to make a contribution. The telephone number is (323) 734-8888.

Thank you to all who share their financial resource with the thousands of adults and children served by these parishes and school which are financially supported by your generosity to the "Together in Mission" Campaign.

**In need of prayers...**



Ethel Allen, Genevieve Alexander, Susan Augustine, Arleen Bouscher, Iola Brown, Rebecca Braithwaite, McCoy Brown, Inez Cameron, Regina Christian, Nicholas Dudley, Bettye Epps, Rita Gaudin, Olivia Griffin, Amy Gosey, Henry Green, Margaret Guillory, Rudi Eagleson, Milton Johnson, Irene Johnson, David Little, Anita Polite, Ruth Revis, Edna Valdry, James Smith, Eva Smith, Phyllis Troupe, Elsie Weston, West "Ted" Williams, Mary Wiley, Thad Wiltz, Donald Aubrey, Phyllis Pope, Yvonne Hill (sister of Pansy Greene), Jose Gonzalez, Ruben Palamaris, Elrena Dandy and Ruth Howard (Sisters of Tina Floyd), Ophelia Walker, Sheryl Cooper-McGinest, Naomi Sealey, Eva Anderson, Lucy Byrd, Zelandia Fero, Taylor Brown, Jordan Brown, Alice Singleton, Carol Cobbs, Sheila Marshall, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Alberta Cannon (sister of Debra Stewart), Lawanda Jackson, Susan Hughes, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khouri) Mr & Mrs Marion King, Mr. & Mrs Manuel Reyes Jeanean Turrentine and Nillah Turrentine.

**Office of Religious Education**

- **Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are on Tuesday's at 7:00pm in Acacia Center.** The Rites of Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes are for people who were baptized Catholic but never made First Communion, were never baptized or baptized in another Christian faith. All parishioners are welcome to join us in our journey of faith.

For more information, please contact Cathy Brown at 323 734 8888 ext. 2.

Advent is a four week period that begins a new Church year. It is a time for waiting and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our opening prayer this Sunday reminds us to focus on the importance and meaning of Advent. Let us pray... All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

Religious Formation Schedule for December 2008

**CCD**

Saturday, December 6, 2008	9:30-11:00
Sunday, December 7, 2008	9:00-10:00
Saturday, December 13, 2008	9:30-11:00
Sunday, December 14, 2008	9:00-10:00
Saturday, December 20, 2008	9:30-11:00 Christmas party
<b>Sunday December 21, 2008</b>	<b>No class</b>

**Christmas break December 27- January 3, 2009**

**Class resumes:**

Saturday, January 10, 2009	9:30-11:00
Sunday, January 11, 2009	9:00-10:00

**Confirmation**

**First year-Thursdays, December 4 & 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30pm in the Acacia Center. Classes Resume on January 15, 2009.**

**Second year-Thursdays, December 11, 2008 7:00-8:30pm in the Acacia Center. Classes Resume on January 8, 2009.**

**Healthy Living ...**

**Beat the Winter Bugs: How to Hold Your Own Against Colds and Flu**

The winter months present plenty of opportunities for viruses to spread. Chilly weather keeps more of us indoors at the same time, and the holiday season brings together family members of all ages. Colds and flu (influenza) can occur anytime, but appear mostly in the fall and winter. Here are tips to ward off colds and flu and to ease the misery if they strike:

• **Get the flu vaccine**

A vaccine against colds hasn't been developed because colds can be caused by many types of viruses. But the flu vaccine remains the best way to prevent and control the flu.

• **Wash your hands**

Both colds and flu can be passed through coughing, sneezing, and touching surfaces such as doorknobs and telephones. So it's wise to make a habit of washing your hands and to teach children to do the same. This helps you prevent spreading respiratory infections and picking them up from someone else.

**Practice healthy habits**

Eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and exercising can help the immune system better fight off the germs that cause illness.

• **Drink up and rest.**

Fluids such as water, juice, soup, and non-caffeinated beverages can help loosen mucus, keep you hydrated, and make you feel better, especially if you have a fever.

• **Read Over-The-Counter medicine labels carefully and follow directions.**

Use the dosing device that comes with the medicine and don't exceed recommended dosages or length of use.

• **Be careful not to double up on ingredients.**

If you take more than one medication at a time, be careful not to duplicate ingredients, says Marina Chang, a pharmacist with the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "Look at the active ingredients of every medicine you take," she says.

• **When You Need a Doctor**

If you aren't getting any better after about a week or your symptoms worsen, you should see a doctor. Your viral infection may have caused enough mucus buildup to allow for a bacterial infection to occur. Signs of trouble might be a cough that gets so bad it disrupts sleep, a fever that won't go down, increased shortness of breath, and pain in the face because of a sinus infection (sinusitis).

For more information, log onto [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com) / Cold & Flu Health Center

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Holiday season child safety tips**

The holidays can present potentially dangerous situations for children. Some simple prevention measures can help keep your children safe during the season. 1. If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter. 2. Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you. 3. Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping. 4. Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom. 5. Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security.

**SHARMAINE HAYLOCK, CHAIRPERSON—  
HOLY NAME CHURCH SAFEGUARD  
THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE**

**Holy Name of Jesus School News**

**Holy Name School has open enrollment for grades K-8. If interested, please call the School Office 323-731-2255 for further information.**

- **Family Mass is held every Fourth Sunday of the Month at 10:00 am. On Dec 28<sup>th</sup> the Sixth Grade will be in charge of the mass**
- **The School Christmas Program was Star Studded and Spirit filled thank you for supporting the youth.**
- **Holy Name of Jesus School Students putting the Gospel into Action. We are proud to announce that the students of Holy Name of Jesus School are actively engaging in the Corporal Works of Mercy (Matthew 25:40).**
- **The seventh and eighth grade classes raised \$50.00 to help support the Mini-kitchen. The Seventh through Kindergarten will also be raising money to help our mini-kitchen in 2009.**
- **The fifth through eighth grades will be visiting the residents of St John of God and the Western Ave Convalescent homes during the Advent Season.**
- **The sixth through eighth grade will be visiting preschools in our neighborhood on December 12, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- **The HNOJ School and Religious Formation Classes are collecting money for the Catholic Relief Services and Holy Childhood Association Appeal Drive.**

**We are recycling plastic bottles, aluminum cans and Cell Phones to help raise money for the school.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**The Altar Society is accepting donations for Christmas flowers in memory of Loved Ones. Please use the Christmas flower envelopes and place your donation in the collection basket. Thank you!**



Dear Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Church,

As part of our program of **Stewardship**, each quarter we are providing you with a summary of the financial results of the parish for the previous three months. Our fiscal year begins on July 1st of each year, and during the three months ended September 30, 2008 our parish incurred a **Net Loss of \$ 8,287.85** (this means that we had more expenses than income). This is primarily attributable to an increase in our **Utilities Expense** (primarily electricity) of almost \$3,000.00 and an increase in expenditures for **Building Maintenance and Repairs** (such as the sidewalk repairs around the Acacia Center and the new hot water heater in the Acacia Center). In addition, the bills for the Eucharistic Ministers Retreat that was held in June were paid in the first quarter of this year.

Like any family or business, our parish has experienced increases in our expenses, and when I sit down each week to pay the bills, **I give thanks to God for the generosity of our parishioners** in supporting our parish through your weekly donations. Our economy has just completed a year of being in an "official" Recession, yet you, our parishioners, continue to support our church. And, once again, I want to thank you. In looking at the budget for the remainder of the year, we are facing some challenging times. During the months of October and November our Collections have declined, while our expenses continue to rise. **Christmas is only a few weeks away, and I invite you to consider making a generous donation to Holy Name of Jesus Church at this time.** And, remember, any checks written prior to December 31st are tax-deductible in the current year!

Again, thank you for sharing your time, your talent, and your treasure with our church!  
*Father Paul*

***Stewardship Report***

***Stewardship: A Definition from Scripture***

**Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

**2 Corinthians 9:6**

***Weekly Collections***

**Current Year:**  
December 7, 2008 = \$ 9,990.78

**Two Previous Years:**  
December 2, 2007 = \$ 8,055.00

December 3, 2006 = \$ 9,194.80

***Thank you for your generosity!***