

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

Monday 1/19 7:30AM Fr. Spellman

**Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalm 110:1-4
Mark 2:18-22**

Tuesday 1/20 7:30AM Fr. Idomele

**Hebrews 6:10-20
Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9
Mark 2:23-28**

Wednesday 1/21 7:30AM Fr. Spellman

**Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Psalm 110:1-4
Mark 3:1-6**

Thursday 1/22 7:30AM Fr. Idomele

**Hebrews 7:25-8:6
Psalm 40:7-10, 17
Mark 3:7-12**

Friday 1/23 7:30AM Fr. Spellman

**Hebrews 8:6-13
Psalm 85:8, 10-14
Mark 3:13-19**

**Saturday 1/24 7:30AM Fr. Spellman
4:30PM Fr. Spellman**

**Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9
Mark 3:20-21**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday 1/25 8:00am Fr. Idomele
10:00am Fr. Spellman
12:30pm Fr. Spellman**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 25:4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20**

CDs of Sunday Masses are available in the Church Office on Tuesday of each week.

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, Sheila Marshall, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Alberta Cannon (sister of Debra Stewart), Lawanda Jackson, Susan Hughes, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khouri) Warren Knox Jr, Betty Menzies and Thurman Johnson.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, Jan 19, 2009	10:15am Journey Bible 7:00pm Journey Bible
Tuesday, Jan 20, 2009	7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Substance Abuse 7:00pm Evangelization
Wednesday, Jan 21, 2009	6:30pm MSC
Thursday, Jan 22, 2009	12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Charismatic Group
Friday, Jan 23, 2009	6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Bible Study
Saturday, Jan 24, 2009	9:30am Religious Formation 11:00am Girl Scouts
Sunday, Jan 25, 2009	9:00am Religious Formation 12:30pm Jr. Knights/Daughters 2:00pm Awe Drumming

Pastor's Letter

When I was thirteen years old, and in the middle of the seventh-grade in a Catholic School in **Memphis, Tennessee**, the city's sanitation workers went on strike, seeking better pay and better working conditions. It was **the spring of 1968** and almost all of the sanitation workers were African Americans. The strike gained national attention, as the city was awash in garbage that had not been collected, and racial tensions were turning to violence. In order to bring peace to the city, **Dr. Martin Luther King came to Memphis with his message of peace and equality for all of God's children**. There were mixed feelings among many of the city's residents about Dr. King's visit, and many priests and nuns joined Dr. King in his call for non-violence and respect for all. Some people in the city verbally attacked the priests and nuns by saying, "Religion and Politics don't mix!" But one priest responded by saying, **"Maybe your religion and your politics don't mix, but mine do!"** On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King stood on the balcony of his Memphis motel, and the shots rang out. Dr. King had been assassinated. The man who had preached a message of peace and non-violence had now become a victim of the violence that he had loathed during his life.

In 1968, very few Americans thought that they would see an African American President in their life time. After growing up in Memphis and seeing all of the racial strife, I did not think that I would ever see an African American President. Yet, forty years later, in November of 2008, the people of America went to the polls in record numbers, and they voted for the person whom we felt would be the best candidate to lead our country. **And this Tuesday, Barack Obama will place his hand on the Holy Bible and take the Oath of Office as the President of the United States!**

I don't need to emphasize what a historic moment this will be for our country. All of the teachers in our school are preparing the children so that they can watch the inauguration on television and witness history. And, since we are in a Catholic School, the children will have the opportunity to pray for our new President. Think about that - most children in our country will not be allowed to gather together in prayer for our new President. Even if some teachers in the public schools decide to hold a moment of silence, there will be those who will complain that the children are having prayer "forced on them." I feel so blessed to be the Pastor of a Catholic parish which has a school where we can pray with the children, teach them about God's love for us and how God calls us to love God and to love one another.

During this week I invite all of our parish families to watch the inauguration and then to gather your family in prayer for our new President. He is assuming this position in a time when our country is in the midst of two wars, and in a time of economic recession. But, we are Americans, and with our prayers and support, President Obama will lead our country through these challenging times. **God bless President Obama!**

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

The bus to the Cathedral for the MLK Mass on Monday, 1/19/09 will leave the Church at 2:30pm. Please be at the Church on time so that the bus could leave on time. Thank you

NO MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE FROM THE COMMENTATOR STAND UNLESS THEY ARE APPROVED AND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

THANK YOU

Office of Religious Education

- **Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are on Tuesday's at 7:00pm in Acacia Center. There will be no RCIA class this week.**
- **For all young people making First Holy Communion the First Parent Meeting will be held in Spanish on January 24, 2009 and in English on February 7, 2009 both will be held in the Acacia Center from 9:30am to 11:00am. You can attend either one.**
- **Please keep our Confirmation Classes in Prayer. They will be going on retreat from January 30th to February 1st at Sacred Heart Camp in Big Bear.**
- **The Rite of Acceptance for RCIA Candidate Angie Bradford, Philippa Haley and Aria Haley will take place today at 10:00am Mass please keep them in your prayers**

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

**Thank You and
God Bless You!**

Holy Name of Jesus School takes this opportunity to wish all parishioners a Blessed and Prosperous 2009.

We especially thank all of you who responded to our Annual Fund Appeal.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your contribution.

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Healthy Living...

Are You Ready for Weight Loss?

Losing weight and keeping it off means developing a plan that's easy to follow and suitable to your lifestyle. But, before you select a weight-loss plan, be sure you consult your primary care physician. After your doctor determines that it's safe for you to change your eating and exercise habits, ask yourself the following questions:

- Are you willing to make regular physical activity a part of your routine?
- Are you committed to making small, gradual changes in your eating plan?
- Do you have a realistic weight-loss goal in mind?
- Can you control your food choices and meal preparation methods?
- Are you losing weight to improve your health and feel better?
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If you answered yes to most of these questions, congratulations! You are ready to adopt a weight-loss plan that you can comfortably follow and maintain for a lifetime.

For more information about healthy eating in general, visit the American Dietetic Association's website at www.eatright.org.

Black History Month 2009

Planning is underway for this year's Black History Month festivities. If you are interested in participating in the market place, please contact the parish office and leave your contact information. Someone from the Committee will return your call.

We'd like for everyone to show their participation by wearing their African outfits, jewelry, scarves, etc.! If you need an outfit or accessories, Francis Awe will be in the parish hall the next two Sundays with plenty of items for sale.

Holy Name of Jesus Church is starting to quilt again.

If you're interested, please bring your thread, scissors and needles to the Acacia Center January 24, 2009 at 12:00pm. This will be the fundamentals of beginning quilting with books, pattern, and fabric scrapes to help you decide where to start and whatever else you may need. If there are any question please call Audrey Miller (323) 734-6073.

DID YOU KNOW?**Take the Child Safety Quiz**

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's Web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC web site and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com

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

Anyone who took the VIRTUES Training class in 2004 must re-certify their training. You will have to take a class for an hour and a half.

Look to the Bulletin for more information or call Cathy Brown at 323 734-8888 ext 2

There are four candidates up for nomination to the Parish Pastoral Council. The four Nominees are: Yvette Stewart-King, Elizabeth Profit, Brenda Rideau, and LeRoy Titus.

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 Jan 25th the Fifth Grade will be in charge of the mass.
- The School is hosting a Shakey Night on Thursday, January 29, 2009 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Find out how you too can become a part of the school's activities. We are seeking volunteers for Reading and Student supervision. We also welcome donations of supplies, books and copy paper. Are you retired? Come speak to the students about a topic of interest. Call 323- 731- 2255 for more information today!

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

Thank you for your support!

.Congress 2009 REC Bulletin

The annual Religious Education Congress held in Anaheim, California, is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the course of this internationally acclaimed 4- day event. The annual Youth Day draws 15,000 Youth from all over Southern California and beyond. Congress International presence continues to grow, with participants attending from many different countries. This year there will be more than 280 workshops available to choose from, covering a vast range of topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. This year the Congress is scheduled for February 26 (Youth Day), through March 1, 2009 and focuses on the theme Love Unfolding... Igniting our Yes! Over the weekend participants will enjoy morning praise, workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of prayer experiences with internationally renowned leaders in the areas of liturgical music and worship. Concerts at noon time and evening offer additional opportunities for praise and worship- delightful experiences which engage and renew participants!

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

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10

Weekly Collections**Current Year:**

January 11, 2008 = \$ 9,437.00

Two Previous Years:

January 13, 2007 = \$ 8,636.00

January 14, 2006 = \$ 10,465.80