

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

Monday 1/3 7:30am Fr. Spellman

1 John 3:22-4:6
 Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12
 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1/4 7:30am Fr. Idomele

1 John 4:7-10
 Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8
 Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday 1/5 7:30am Fr. Spellman

1 John 4:11-18
 Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
 Mark 6:45-52

Thursday 1/6 7:30am Fr. Idomele

1 John 4:19-5:4
 Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17
 Luke 4:14-22

Friday 1/7 7:30am Fr. Spellman

1 John 5:5-13
 Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
 Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday 1/8 7:30am Fr. Spellman
4:30pm Fr. Idomele**


1 John 5:14-21
 Psalm 149:1-6, 9
 John 3:22-30

Sunday 1/9 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Fr. Spellman
10:00am Fr. Spellman
12:30pm Fr. Spellman

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 Psalm 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
 Act 10:34-38
 Matthew 3:13-17

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

In need of our prayers... 

Ethel Allen, Genevieve Alexander, Susan Augustine, Arleen Bouscher, Iola Brown, McCoy Brown, Inez Cameron, Nicholas Dudley, Bettye Epps, Olivia Griffin, Amy Gosey, Henry Green, Margaret Guillory, Rudi Eagleson, Milton Johnson, Ellender Julian, Irene Johnson, David Little, Verna Lipscomb, Edna Valdry, James Smith, Eva Smith, Phyllis Troupe, Elsie Weston, West "Ted" Williams, Thad Wiltz, Donald Aubrey, Phyllis Pope, 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, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khouri), Joshua Bolden, Warren Knox Jr., Edwin Thomas Sr., Barbara Ellis, Aimee Lewis, Oscar Antonio Romero, Thurman Johnson, Debra Stewart, Mario Toledo, Kelly Matthews, Angie Dupre, Shirley Miller, Mrs. Oliska Batiste, Tyrone Batiste, Santiago Zayas, Ina Lewis, Stephanie Sims, Julio Mejia, Maria Lopez, Adrianna Zelaya, Norma Ellison, Felicia Bagley, Edward DeJohn, Thomas Delon-Monroe, Joyce Robinson, Robin Mitchell, Gloria Bunkley, Raul Gonzalez, Sandy Wheeler, Lorraine Julian, Joey Green, Cheryl Aubrey, Norma Session, Maria Sierra, Christopher Ray, Verdell Shelvin, Jennifer Lynch (niece of Debra Stewart), Johnnie Singleton, Jerry Clary, Pauline Favors, Shannon Benjamin, those seeking employment, and those struggling during these tough times.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, January 3, 2011 7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Spanish Renew
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group
7:00pm Worship Committee

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 6:45pm Spanish Musicians
7:00pm Substance Abuse
7:00pm Spanish Intercessory
7:00pm Fr. Gus Bible Study

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 6:30pm MSC
7:00pm Spanish Baptism Class
7:00pm Mariano Ministry

Thursday, January 6, 2011 12:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group
7:00pm Confirmation Class

Friday, January 7, 2011 6:30pm BDYC
6:45pm Spanish Musicians
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Baptism Class

Saturday, January 8, 2011 9:30am Religious Formation
9:30am Bible Study
11:00am Holy Hour
11:00am Forever Young 50+
12:00pm Girl Scout
2:00pm Baptism

Sunday, January 9, 2011 9:00am Religious Formation
12:30pm KPC/KPCLA
2:00pm Awe Drumming

Pastor's Letter

In the fall of 1998 I had the opportunity to spend a semester studying at the **Weston Jesuit School of Theology** in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Since then, Weston Jesuit has merged with the **Boston College School of Theology and Ministry** but many of the same professors are still active faculty members at the combined university. One of the priests who had a great impact on my spiritual formation was **Father Thomas Massaro**, a professor of **Moral Theology**. While I was there he was in the process of writing a book entitled, "**Living Justice**" which was published a couple of years later. In this book, he begins by discussing the importance of charity and how we are called to provide assistance to the poor of our world. And he continues by pointing out how we are also called to move beyond charity to enacting changes in the systems of our world that adversely impact so many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. It is a wonderful book!

When the **Archdiocese** implemented its **Synod of 2003** entitled "**Gathered and Sent**," each parish was asked to examine how it was serving our communities in a spirit of **Social Justice**. Here at Holy Name of Jesus, it was noted that our parishioners give thousands of dollars each year to the poor through our monthly second collections and through Together In Mission. We also spend thousands of ours each year serving the poor through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, our Mini-Kitchen, our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and other ministries in our parish. But the follow-up question was then asked: "**How can we work together to change the systems that contribute to poverty?**" In other words, "*If you feed a man with a fish, you have fed him for a day. If you teach him to fish, you have fed him for his lifetime.*"

A number of years ago I attended a workshop that was presented by the **Archdiocesan Office of Justice and Peace**. And the first speaker began his talk by saying that we should consider the acronym: **E - A - R** which stands for: **EDUCATION, ACTION, and REFLECTION**. His point was that we must **Educate** ourselves about the situations in our world, form a plan of **Action**, and then **Reflect** prayerfully about what we can do to help initiate changes in our world.

In order to start the **EDUCATION** aspect of a Social Justice ministry here at Holy Name of Jesus Church, I have purchased ten copies of Father Massaros' book, "**Living Justice**" and I would like to invite ten parishioners to join me in reading this book and discussing its content. As we read this book, we will educate ourselves on the issues of our world that are de-humanizing our brothers and sisters. We will talk about what is happening in the east African country of **Sudan**, and the upcoming election where the Christians in the south will be voting as to whether to secede from the northern part of the country which is primarily Muslim. We will look at the modern-day slavery that is taking place in many African countries, as well as here in Los Angeles. We will study the issues of human trafficking and how people are brought to this country and held against their will as indentured servants. We will then form a plan of **Action**, and then prayerfully **Reflect** upon God's will for us in our lives.

So, if you would like to be one of the first ten to join us in this adventure, please call me here at the parish office and I will arrange to meet with you and give you your very own copy of "**Living Justice!**" And let our adventure begin!

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



Holy Name of Jesus School News!**Gratitude is Golden:**

He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
We want to thank our parishioners that have already answered the call to the Annual Christmas Appeal:

- KPC Ladies of Grace Chapter 13
- Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.
- Michael and Catherine Khouri
- Shirley Anderson
- Ruth Schlater
- Jeanette Williams
- Gwendolyn Duncan
- Gloria Banner
- Edwin Martin Jr.
- Aaydan and Ray Peppard
- William Sr. and June Pajaud
- Allen and Jenny Millender
- Pauline Favors
- Dewayne and Dr. Judith Nash
- Robert and Phyllis Ambrose
- Patricia O'Brien
- Shirley Coburn
- John Takenaka
- Joyce Robinson
- Ella Jackson
- Martha Pruden Hamiter
- Dr. Jeffrey Upperman
- Bevanne A. Bean-Mayberry
- Norma Mitchell
- Barbara James
- Virginia Dalcoe
- Winston and Pansy Greene, and
- Marion and Eduarda King

Remember it is not too late to make a generous contribution to the work the school is doing. As is evident by the family masses every month, the school does a fabulous job educating the spirit and the mind!

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for April 9th, 2011 for HNOJ's Annual Fundraising Event to be held at St. Mary's Academy (701 Grace Blvd. in Inglewood) from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This year's event will be a Jazz and Gospel Brunch featuring food catered by The Creole Chef and entertainment by the best our parish has to offer! Contact Michael Williams for more information and Greg Warner if you want to include an advertisement in the Souvenir Book! Donations are also being accepted for the Silent Auction. Please see Cathy Brown if you have items to contribute!

Healthy Living

Healthy Living wishes you a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year!
The Healthy Living column will return in the new year!

A few friendly housekeeping reminders...

- **Please do not tape any flyers, posters, etc. on the walls or doors of the church.**
- **Children under the age of 13 will have to be accompanied by an adult when going to the restroom...**
- **No teenagers can accompany a younger child to the restroom unless they are over the age of 18...**
- **The crying room is for parents with babies only. All others will be asked to leave...**
- **Children must sit with their parents at all times during the mass services...**
- **Ushers will escort unsupervised children to their parents...**
- **When arriving late for mass, you will be asked to remain in the vestibule until directed by an Usher...**
- **Turn cell phones and pagers off when entering church...**
- **No gum, food or drinks in the church!!!!**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The next meeting is January 4th. The topic is History of the Catholic Church presented by Fr. Tom Frank.

Are you over 18 and interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? If so please come to our inquiry classes on Tuesdays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Acacia Center.

Please keep the following Confirmation and RCIA Candidates in your prayers:**2nd year Confirmation Candidates:**

Nnamdi Abaekobe, Jonathan Brice, Chanel Davis, Ashley De La Paz, Linwood Foy, Bernard Franklin, Carlos (Andy) Gonzalez, Barbara King, Osmar Molina, Jacquelyn Nwagwu, Olaedo Ofona, Reginald Paige, Marcus Rudolph, Rosalind Smith, Tayelor Turner, Augustin Valencia, Sandy Mecinas Ventura, Tyler Vicknair, Gregory Warner, and Jourdhyn Williams.

RCIA Candidates: Tiffany Brown, Derick Calbert, Niela McBroom, Stone Shelton, and Melissa Vargas.

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

We are called to "bear good fruit," not just for ourselves, but for all. Thank you for the many gifts you share with this community of faith. Please take a few minutes to prayerfully consider your stewardship Gift to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have received.

Current Year:

December 25, 2010 = \$ 6,423.00

December 26, 2010 = \$ 5,013.00

Two Previous Years:

December 25, 2009 = \$5,916.00

December 27, 2009 = \$7, 478.00

December 25, 2008 = \$6,799.00

December 28, 2008 = \$6, 976.75

Thank you for your generosity!

DID YOU KNOW?**Safety tips for parents traveling with children**

Traveling with kids during the holidays can be a challenge, especially with the added worry of safety thrown into the mix. Here are some suggestions parents can use to help ensure their children's safety while traveling: 1. Prior to leaving on your holiday, remind children about your family safety procedures for dealing with strangers and what to do if they get lost. 2. Keep a recent photo of children handy, also a photocopy of passports kept in a safe place or with a relative that can fax it to you in case of loss. 3. If you label children's clothing, make sure the label is inside so strangers are not able to learn your child's name.

**SHARMAINE HAYLOCK, CHAIRPERSON
HOLY NAME of JESUSCHURCH
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE**

The What's Happening Now Corner☺

Holy Name of Jesus parishioners must continually be aware that the growth of our church depends on each of us spiritually, economically, and physically. We must generously make a return to the Lord with increase and see the difference these qualities make in the life of the parish.

Spanish Prayer Group was established in 1989 by Carmen Tatenco with a small group of people. Since that time, they have been working on evangelization. They meet every Thursday at 7:00pm to worship. They have an annual retreat and work with other ministries for Christ the King Celebration. They also prepare Las Posadas for the Spanish community every year. The current Spanish Prayer Group's leader is Betty Lopez.

The Brighter Day Youth Choir was formed 22 years ago with Javonna Wright as choir director, Kevin Johnson as pianist and voice coach, and Kathleen Brown, as assistant and pianist. The youth have come a long way learning how to sing so they would not strain their vocal chords. They overcame shyness and developed self-esteem and good singing voices. They participated in the Gospel Fest, sang at The House of Blues, and have made appearances at numerous churches here in Southern California as well as Las Vegas, Nevada. When it became necessary for Javonna and Kevin to move on to other challenges, Sheree Johnson became director of the youth choir and Kathleen remained to assist and occasionally play the piano. The BDYC held their Christmas concert Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 pm at HNOJ. Under choir director Sheree Johnson's leadership, the youth were outstanding in their singing and enthusiastic performance. The junior musicians showed that they were just as capable as their mentors (senior musicians of HNOJ) knew they would be. Jeremy Alexander played guitar and William King played drums. Joshua did a rap that brought many of the audience to their feet. Soloist Jacob Bryant and Rosalind Smith did several solos as well as Tyler Vicknair, Jacqeline Alas, and Jackeline Alvarez. The four dancers and contenders for the (Alvin Ailey Dance Troup☺) were Taylor Turner, Mikayla Conley, Mahalia and Angelica Chew.

Many of the members of the Brighter Day Youth Choir are now members of Shining Faith Choir that was formed with Sheree Johnson as the director. They have scheduled practice on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining or want more information about the Shining Faith Choir, call Sheree' Johnson at (323) 291-8808.

If you missed any of the activities that are mentioned above...as the youth say "Your Bad". Make a concentrated effort to support the activities in our Church. You will not be sorry☺ Stay tuned for the What's Happening Now Corner☺ and remember that God is able to do, exceedingly, abundantly, above ALL that we can ask or imagine!

Thank You!

The Altar Society would like to thank all of those who answered the call to help clean the church and decorate for our Christmas celebrations. Your support is truly appreciated!

