

M A S S S C H E D U L E**Monday 11/30 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Roman 10:9-18
 Psalm 19:8-11
 Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday 12/1 7:30am Fr. Idomele

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday 12/2 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Isaiah 25:6-10
 Psalm 23:1-6
 Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday 12/3 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Isaiah 26:1-6
 Psalm 118:8-9, 19-21, 25-27
 Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday 12/4 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Isaiah 29:17-24
 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday 12/5 7:30am Fr. Spellman
4:30pm Fr. Spellman**

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
 Psalm 147:1-6
 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Sunday 12/6**Second Sunday of Advent**

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

Baruch 5:1-9
 Psalm 126:1-6
 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-112
 Luke 3:1-6

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, Nicholas Dudley, Bettye Epps, Olivia Griffin, Amy Gosey, Henry Green, Margaret Guillory, Rudi Eagleson, Milton Johnson, Ellender Julian, Irene Johnson, David Little, Ruth Revis, Edna Valdry, James Smith, Eva Smith, Phyllis Troupe, Elsie Weston, West "Ted" Williams, Mary Wiley, 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, Berenice Scott, Eva Anderson, Lucy Byrd, Zelandia Fero, Taylor Brown, Jordan Brown, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Susan Hughes, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khoury), Joshua Bolden, Warren Knox Jr., Edwin Thomas Sr., Barbara Ellis, Clyde Mitchell, Lloyd Moses, Oscar Antonio Romero, Thurman Johnson, Edna Bendy, Debra Stewart, Gary Elliott, Herbie King, Mario Toledo, Kelly Matthews, Angie Dupre, Shirley Miller, Emily Lewis, Basil Lewis, those seeking employment, and those struggling to make ends meet during these tough times.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, Nov 29, 2009 7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Renew 2000 (Spanish)

Tuesday, Dec 1, 2009 7:00pm RCIA
7:00pm Substance Abuse
7:00pm Spanish Intercessory
7:00pm Fr. Gus bible study

Wednesday, Dec 2, 2009 6:30pm MSC
7:00pm Mariano Ministry
7:00pm Spanish Baptism Class

Thursday, Dec 3, 2009 12:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, Dec 4, 2009 6:30pm BDYC
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Baptismal Class

Saturday, Dec 5, 2009 9:30am Religious Formation
9:30am Bible Study
10:00am College Prep Class
1:00pm Immaculate Conception

Sunday, Dec 6, 2009 9:00am Religious Formation
12:00pm 4th Degree Knights
2:00pm Immaculate Conception
2:00pm Awe Drumming



Pastor's Letter

Today we begin the holy season of **Advent**, a time of watching, and waiting, and preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior. A couple of weeks ago I was in a store, and already I saw Christmas decorations being hung and I heard Christmas songs being played over the P.A. system. But, as anyone who works in retail will tell you, those were not Christmas decorations and songs; those were "holiday decorations" and "holiday songs." ***It seems that we have become so secular that we can celebrate the greatest holiday of the year, but we better not mention it by name!***

A friend of mine cynically pointed out that now, as the world has changed, the "holiday season" includes the time from Halloween to Super Bowl Sunday! That is almost four months of celebrating and relaxing. ***Can we take four weeks to prepare to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas?*** As Catholics and Christians we are "going against the tide" by "**keeping Christ in Christmas**" but let's notice what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, "**Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.**"

During this season of Advent, let us take time with our families to read the stories of Christmas that are in our Bibles (particularly in the **Gospels of Matthew and Luke**). Let us take time to light a candle on our **Advent Wreath**, to remind us of the light of Christ that shines in our lives. And let us take some time to reflect on **the true meaning of this holy season**, in spite of the advertisements on television that try to convince us that what will bring us fulfillment is another charge on our credit card!

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

As we come to the end of the year, it is time to make the final payments on our **Together In Mission** pledges that we made last spring. Together In Mission is the Bishop's Annual Appeal where by low income schools and parishes receive financial assistance from the 297 parishes throughout the Archdiocese. **We are currently about \$15,000 short of our goal, and the deficit must be made up from parish funds.** If you have made a pledge to Together In Mission and have not paid your balance in full, please send your check to the parish office or directly to Together In Mission in the envelope that they have provided. If you have not made a pledge, we invite you to do so. Please make your check payable to **Together In Mission** and send it to us in the parish office, or simply drop it in the weekly collection with a note stipulating that it is for Together In Mission.

Remember, **our school receives over \$35,000 each year** through the generosity of families who contribute to Together In Mission. And, last year, our parish received an additional **\$58,000** in funds from Together In Mission for the remodel of the exterior of the Rectory. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

As part of our focus on **Stewardship**, we are encouraging members of our parish to share their gifts in ways that will benefit the members of our community. Recently we have had parishioners share their knowledge on topics ranging from Estate Planning (Wills, Trusts, etc.) and how high school students should plan ahead for college (by taking the appropriate courses and researching scholarships and grant programs).

On **Saturday, December 12th, at 10:00 in the Acacia Center** Adriana Allen, a current C.P.A., and Father Paul Spellman, a former C.P.A., will be holding a workshop for young people who have recently entered the job market (or are preparing to) and we will show you **how to prepare a budget that is realistic and that they can live with.**

Our goal is to get young people thinking about the relationship between their income and their expenses. We will show you how to prepare a budget, and determine which expenses are fixed (like rent) and those that are discretionary (such as entertainment). We will start with the gross amount of your salary, and then figure out how much your weekly or monthly check will actually be (after taxes), and how to budget for normal expenses and how to set aside some funds for emergencies.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 12th at 10:00 in the Acacia Center!

HNOJ Students Score Well on ITBS Standardized Test

Students from Holy Name of Jesus School were among those taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in October of this year. HNOJ students scored well on this national, standardized test. Twenty percent (20%) of our students scored at or above the 90th percentile in one or more subjects. Furthermore, 3 students scored in the 94th percentile or above overall placing them among the top 6% of students throughout the nation. Congratulations Students!



Basketball Coaches Needed for HNOJ's Girls and Boys Teams

Our search continues for coaches or assistant coaches for our Girls and Boys basketball teams. If you have any experience, played high school or college ball or coached before, or if you know of someone who may be interested, kindly get in touch with Mervin at Tel: 323-551-7846. Come be a part of the school and the lives of our students.

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It is time to get ready for the 2010 Los Angeles Marathon; on a new date and a new route, "from the stadium to the sea". The 2010 LA Bike tour will not be held on the day of the marathon. It has been postponed until a later date. For registration and more information go to lamarathon.com.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

The novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin on December 3rd at 6:00pm

You're invited to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 5:00 am (Mañanitas) with Mariachi and Mass at 7:00pm with Mariachi Come and celebrate!

Healthy Living...

Working Towards Wellness

The same steps that protect you during the regular cold and flu season are also important during a flue pandemic. The following are some tips for keeping yourself healthy at all times.

- **Wash your hands frequently.** Use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that is at least 60% isopropyl or ethyl alcohol. Be sure to wash your hands after coughing or sneezing.
- **Keep those germs to yourself!** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough, and dispose of the tissue in a wastebasket. And, if you're sick, stay home! By going to work, you run the risk of getting others sick.
- **Eat balanced meals.** Build up your immune system by getting the right amount and the right kinds of foods.
- **Flush the toxins away.** Drink plenty of water to keep your body healthy.
- **Take care of yourself.** Your everyday actions count. Be sure to get regular exercise and plenty of rest.
- **Be prepared.** Keep a well-equipped first aid kit, including any prescribed medicines, medical equipment, and basic nonprescription drugs, including pain relievers/fever reduces, cough and cold medicines, anti-diarrhea medicine and stomach remedies.
- **Stock up on health.** Keep healthy foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables on hand at your home.



Christmas Concert



The Brighter Day Youth Choir annual Christmas concert will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 3:00pm in the Church. Donation is \$5.00. See any choir member or choir parent to purchase a ticket.

DID YOU KNOW?
ENSURING YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS SAFE

Every teacher, coach, and volunteer who works with children in the Los Angeles Archdiocese's parishes and schools must have a background check before he or she is permitted to work in any school- or- parish related job or activity that involves contact with children. But many of our children attend non-Catholic private or public schools. What steps do these schools take? Talk with school administrators and find out what steps they take to protect children from harm. Suggest that they review other abuse prevention programs to ensure that their policies and practices are up to date. And demand that all employees and volunteers who work in the school be properly screened, including background checks, before they are allowed to be near your children.

SHARMAINE HAYLOCK, CHAIRPERSON
HOLY NAME CHURCH SAFEGUARD
THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Stewardship Report

Stewardship: A Definition from Scripture

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.
-Matthew 10:8

Weekly Collections

Current Year:

November 22, 2009 = \$ 8,377.00

Two Previous Years:

November 23, 2008 = \$ 6,207.00

November 25, 2007 = \$ 8,339.50

Thank you for your generosity!

The Youth Group at Holy Name of Jesus wants to thank you for all your support in our toiletry drive the past two weeks. A lot of the run-away teens will be benefit from your generosity.

The Los Angeles Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society will sponsor Bundle Sunday from Saturday, December 12 after the 4:30pm mass until Sunday, December 13 until 2:00pm. Your donated items of clothing, household goods, furniture, or any items that could be sold in the Society's warehouse or given to needy families will be collected. The truck will be here to pick up your usable articles that are too precious to throw away, but treasured by those in need. Receipts will be given to you for your tax records.

Advent

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. Let us use the Advent wreath ritual as a means of bringing Christ into our hearts. The color we use during Advent is purple/blue or violet. Our opening prayer this Sunday reminds us to focus on the importance and meaning of Advent. Let us Pray... Creator Spirit be near us as we begin a new Church year. Strengthen us when things fall apart. Walk with us as we seek to be whole and holy this Advent.

Religious Formation Schedule for December 2009

CCD

Saturday, December 5, 2009	9:30-11:00
Sunday, December 6, 2009	9:00-10:00
Saturday, December 12, 2009	9:30-11:00
Sunday, December 13, 2009	9:00-10:00
Saturday, December 19, 2009	9:30-11:00 Christmas party
Sunday, December 20, 2009	9:00-10:00

Christmas break December 26- January 2, 2010

Class resumes:

Saturday, January 9, 2010	9:30-11:00
Sunday, January 10, 2010	9:00-10:00

Confirmation

First year -Thursday, December 3rd & 17th 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Acacia Center. Classes resume on January 7, 2010.

Second year - Thursday, December 10, 2010 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Acacia Center. Classes Resume on January 14, 2010

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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 and the Religious Formation Program (CCD) are actively engaging in the Corporal Works of Mercy (Matthew 25:40).

All of the classrooms participated in a Thanksgiving Food Drive and they have prepared Thanksgiving dinner boxes for at least nine families with all of the necessary items including a Turkey.

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 16th and 17th.