

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

Monday 2/2	7:30AM	Fr. Spellman
	Malachi 3:1-4	
	Psalm 24:7-10	
	Luke 2:22-40	
Tuesday 2/3	7:30AM	Fr. Idomele
	Hebrews 12:1-4	
	Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32	
	Mark 5:21-43	
Wednesday 2/4	7:30AM	Fr. Spellman
(School Mass)	9:30AM	Fr. Spellman
	Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15	
	Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18	
	Mark 6:1-6	
Thursday 2/5	7:30AM	Fr. Idomele
	Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24	
	Psalm 48:2-4, 9-11	
	Mark 6:7-13	
Friday 2/6	7:30AM	Fr. Spellman
	Hebrews 13:1-8	
	Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9	
	Mark 6:14-29	
Saturday 2/7	7:30AM	Fr. Spellman
	4:30PM	Fr. Idomele
	Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21	
	Psalm 23:1-6	
	Mark 6:30-34	
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 2/8	8:00am	Fr. Spellman
	10:00am	Fr. Spellman
	12:30pm	Fr. Spellman
	Job 7:1-4, 6-7	
	Psalm 147:1-6	
	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23	
	Mark 1:29-39	

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, Elnora 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), Joshua Bolden, Yvonne Peebles, Warren Knox Jr., Betty Menzies and Thurman Johnson.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, Feb 2, 2009	7:00pm Worship Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 3, 2009	7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Substance Abuse 7:00pm Fr Gus Bible Study 7:00pm Campaign Heart
Wednesday, Feb 4, 2009	6:30pm MSC 6:30pm Orchestra Practice
Thursday, Feb 5, 2009	12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Charismatic Group
Friday, Feb 6, 2009	6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Bible Study
Saturday, Feb 7, 2009	9:30am Religious Formation 11:00am Girl Scouts 1:00am Dress Rehearsal 6:00pm Card Party
Sunday, Feb 8, 2009	9:00am Religious Formation 9:00am SVDP meeting 12:30pm KPC/KPLA Mtg. 2:00pm Awe Drumming 3:00pm Concert

Pastor's Letter

As I do each quarter, I wanted to update you on the financial condition of our parish. I do not need to remind you of the economic problems facing our country, and in this morning's newspaper it was reported that the unemployment rate here in California has reached almost ten percent! That means that one out of every ten adults is out of work, and the future forecast for the coming year is not optimistic.

As you can tell from reading the Stewardship reports in the bulletin each week, our weekly Collections have been impacted by the state of our economy. Last year our Collections dropped by 5% compared to the previous years, and this year we are only slightly ahead of last year. And, of course, our expenses continue to rise as prices go up. For the first six months of this fiscal year our expenses exceeded our income by almost \$15,000.00.

Last week we mailed out letters to each of the families in our parish thanking them for the donations that they have made during this past year (2008) and the previous year (2007). We send these letters as a way of saying **THANK YOU** for your donations, and as a means of enabling you to take the tax deduction for what you have offered to the Church. If you have not yet received your letter, please call me or Shannon in the Parish Office and we will confirm with you that we have your correct address and then we will re-send your letter.

In preparing these letters, I prepared an analysis of the donations of our parishioners during the past year. We have approximately **1,000** registered families here at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Approximately half of our families receive pre-printed envelopes in the mail, and about half of those families use their pre-printed envelopes on a regular basis. Other families use the plain blue envelopes or they write checks without using any envelope at all. All of these donations are recorded in our parish data system and credited to your family.

- 1) We have **40** families who gave at least **\$2,000.00** to our church last year. This means that they averaged a minimum of **\$40.00** per week. (However **25** of those families gave significantly more than \$40.00 per week.)
- 2) We have **80** families who contributed **between \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00** to our church last year. This is an average of between **\$20.00 and \$40.00** per week.
- 3) We have **40** families who contributed **between \$750.00 and \$1,000.00** to our church last year. This is an average of between **\$ 15.00 and \$ 20.00** per week.
- 4) We have **60** families who contributed **between \$500.00 and \$750.00** to our church last year. This is an average of between **\$ 10.00 and \$ 15.00** per week.
- 5) We have **130** families who contributed **between \$250.00 and \$500.00** to our church last year. This is an average of between **\$ 5.00 and \$10.00** per week.
- 6) We have **150** families who contributed **between \$100.00 and \$250.00** to our church last year. This is an average of between **\$ 2.00 and \$ 5.00** per week.
- 7) The remaining **500** families in our parish gave **less than \$100.00** to our church last year. This represents **half of our registered parishioners**, and they gave an average of **ninety-seven cents per week**.

In looking at these figures, we must all ask ourselves: **"How much has God given to my family? Can I possibly count the blessings that Our Savior has bestowed on us?"** And then we must ask ourselves, **"How much has our family given to God and God's Church? Am I only giving God a weekly contribution that is equivalent to the cost of a cup of coffee?"** These are challenging questions, and we must answer them honestly.

If we still have our jobs, and we are still able to pay our bills each month, are we willing to make our contributions to the Church just as important as the checks we mail each month for our cell phones, and cable television, and any other luxuries that we may enjoy? The Church does not ask you to contribute the same as your rent, or your mortgage payment, or your utility bills. But let's take an honest look at what we spend on our own enjoyment and then look at how much we give to God and God's Church.

For each family the contribution to the Church will be dependent on many different factors. But, if you are in the group that gives ninety-seven cents per week to the Church, I invite you to consider giving \$ 5.00 or \$10.00 or \$15.00 to the church each week. After all, do we not spend at least as much on ourselves each week?

Once again, I want to give thanks to God for each person who comes into our Church to pray, and a special thank you to God for each member of our parish who gives of their **Time**, their **Talent**, and their **Treasure!**

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

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.

Platinum Donor \$500 & above

- Verna Lipscomb
- Mr. & Mrs. Wiltz
- Sylvester J. Ina and Company
- Jeffrey S Upperman & Bevanne A. Bean-Mayberry

Gold Donor \$300 - \$399

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- Jenny Millender
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- PG Patrick
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- Eva Mae Smith
- Esther Estrada
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- Tashanna Houston

For those of you who are still considering, there is still time to contribute to your favorite school.

Make a check payable to Holy Name of Jesus School today!!

Telephone: 323-731-2255

Holy Name of Jesus School

1955 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90018

National Day of Prayer for the African American Family ~20th~ Anniversary

God of mercy and love, we place our African American Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation.

Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on high ground. Help us to live for You and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life.

Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Help us, as your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do.

Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely.

Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

This we ask in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Prayer composed by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM,
who in 1989 founded this
National Day of Prayer for the African American Family.



DID YOU KNOW?**Internet Safety for Kids**

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenager from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old style telephone party line, except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location.

**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

**The Knights of Peter Claver Inc
Western States, Southern Region, Junior Division
Invites everyone to a Fish Fry
February 7, 2009 from 12:00pm-6:00pm
At St. Eugene Church**

**Menu: Red snapper, catfish, Shrimp. Mustard Greens,
Corn Bread, lemonade and home made desserts.
Donation: Fish Sandwich- \$7.00, Meal -\$10.00,
Combination Meal- \$12.00**

**Deliveries within 5miles radius free with minimum \$12.00
donation. Call Lady Sheila Thomas (213) 393-5259**

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.

- 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!

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 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.

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

Holy Name of Jesus Celebrates Black History Month 2009

"A Spirit of Change...History in the Making"

**Soul Food Dinner Today
in the
Parish Hall!*****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 25, 2009 = \$ 7,286.41

Two Previous Years:

January 27, 2008 = \$ 6,299.86

January 28, 2007 = \$ 6,644.80