

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

Monday 3/30 7:30am Fr. Spellman

**Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:1-11**

**Tuesday 3/31 7:30am Fr.
Idomele**

**Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21
John 8:21-30**

**Wednesday 4/1 7:30am Fr.
Spellman
(School Mass) 9:30am Fr. Spellman**

**Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Daniel 3:52-56
John 8:31-42**

Thursday 4/2 7:30am Fr. Idomele

**Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-9
John 8:51-59**

**Friday 4/3 7:30am Fr.
Spellman**

**Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-7
John 10:31-42**

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

**Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10-13
John 11:45-56**

Palm Sunday

**Sunday 4/5 8:00am Fr. Idomele
10:00am Fr. Spellman
12:30pm Fr. Spellman**

**Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47**

**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, Olivia Griffin, Amy Gosey, Henry Green, Margaret Guillory, Rudi Eagleson, Milton Johnson, Irene Johnson, David Little, Anita Polite, Ruth Revis, Edna Valdrey, 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, Sheila Marshall, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Susan Hughes, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khouri), Joshua Bolden, Yvonne Peebles, Warren Knox Jr., Edwin Thomas Sr., Barbara Ellis, Betty Menzies, Clyde Mitchell, and Thurman Johnson.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, Mar. 30, 2009	*****
Tuesday, Mar. 31, 2009	7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Substance Abuse
Wednesday, Apr. 1, 2009	6:30pm MSC/BDYC
Thursday, Apr. 2, 2009	12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Charismatic Group
Friday, Apr. 3, 2009	11:00am Station of Cross 6:00pm Station of Cross 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Bible Study
Saturday, Apr. 4, 2009	9:30 am Religious Formation 10:00am Funeral 12:00pm Girl Scouts
Sunday, Apr 5, 2009	9:00am Religious Formation 2:00pm Awe Drumming

Pastor's Letter

During this past week we have heard much more than we care to hear about **bonuses** that were given to the highly-paid executives on **Wall Street** who played a significant role in the economic meltdown that our country is experiencing. Should they give the bonuses back? Should they be taxed at a 90% rate? Should they have been given out in the first place, especially when these same firms are receiving billions of dollars from us, the taxpayers? All of these problems affect everyone, with losses of jobs, and losses of homes. And, as we all know, some people are affected more than others.

On the front page of last Saturday's Los Angeles Times (March 21, 2009) the headline read, **"Blacks Lose Ground in Job Slump."** The writers of this article pointed out that the unemployment rate for the state of California had reached 10.1%; the highest rate of unemployment since April, 1983. The writers point out, "However, the job losses are slamming California's minority workers. The average unemployment rate among blacks in California was **12.5%** in February, compared with **10.4%** for Latinos and **7.8%** for whites. Nationally, the picture for blacks is even worse. **The overall unemployment rate for blacks in February climbed to 13.4%, while the rate for black men reached 16.3%.**" I find these numbers to be staggering.

Why is there such a discrepancy in the rates of unemployment? **"Last hired, first fired"** is an old adage in the African American community and it seems to hold especially true in this economic crisis. According to the Los Angeles Times writers, "This applies to the auto industry, which has been particularly welcoming to African Americans, as well as retail, services, and manufacturing which disproportionately hire blacks." And, as we all know, the growing layoffs among higher-paid African Americans and steep foreclosure rates in our neighborhoods are dealing a blow to the nation's black middle class.

So, what is the answer? According to the Los Angeles Times, **"African American community leaders and academics are hoping that President Obama - the ultimate glass-ceiling smasher - and his \$787 billion economic stimulus program will keep the institute's grim estimate at bay by giving blacks more career options..."** The writers close the article by pointing out, **"There is no way the black community will improve without the rest of the economy improving."**

Our economy has gone into a tail-spin because of the greed of so many, at the expense of so many more. When multi-million dollar bonuses are paid to the executives who created this crisis, the people of America spoke up loud and clear. **And when people started to lose their jobs and their homes, President Obama listened.** However, one man can not correct the errors of thousands of greedy executives. **We must all gather together as a faith community and pray for our President and the rest of our government leaders, and to recognize our call to help our needy brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.** Remember, we are stewards of the resources God has given us; let us follow the example of our Savior!

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

300 Students for 2009

Holy Name of Jesus School has set an enrollment goal of 300 students for the 2009/2010 school year.

This means that we have to recruit over 100 new students over the next 6 months. HNOJ Church Parishioners can help the school achieve this goal by helping us with:

- **Word of Mouth Marketing**
- **Joining a Volunteer Group**
- **Participating in Fundraising Events**

Review the announcements below to see where you and your family can make an input.

Word of Mouth Marketing

Please inform all your family members (brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins) that Holy Name of Jesus School is currently enrolling. Please call **323-731-2255** for more information.

Joining a Volunteer Group

Many school activities occur during the months of March and April. The school will certainly need more volunteers. Parishioners are encouraged to join one of the following groups:

- Speakers Bureau.
- Promotional Materials Development.
- School Website Management.
- Community Outreach.

Register with the Marketing and Development Director today!

Participating in Fundraising Events

The financial contributions of our parishioners are critical to the development of Holy Name of Jesus School. As a result, we continue to appreciate and look forward to your patronage for fundraising events.

Healthy Living...

All About Diabetes; more facts and information:

- 24 million Americans have diabetes.
- ¼ of these people do not know they have it.
- 1 in 5 people are at risk for type 2 diabetes.
- For many, diagnosis comes 7 to 10 years after the onset of the disease.
- Early diagnosis is critical to successful treatment and delaying or preventing some of its complications such as:
 - heart disease
 - blindness
 - kidney disease
 - stroke
 - amputation
 - death

Type 2 diabetes and diabetes complications can sometimes be prevented through healthy lifestyle habits. Whether you have diabetes or not, here are 19 tips to healthy living.

- Take a half hour walk.
- Know the risk factors for type 2 diabetes.
- Check out MyFoodAdvisor for a new recipe for dinner.
- Sit still for 10 minutes and make yourself relax.
- Drink another glass of water a day.
- Get a pedometer to see the number of steps you take a day.
- Ride a bike and raise money for a diabetes cure at the same time.
- Schedule a dentist appointment.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Rate your plate. What do your portions look like?
- Get up from your chair and stretch for 5 minutes.
- Take the stairs.
- Take a stand. Become a Diabetes Advocate
- Sneak an extra serving of fruits or vegetables into one meal a day.
- Encourage students to live healthy and build a sense of community.
- Say goodbye to the salt shaker.
- Encourage friends and family to take the Diabetes Risk Test.

For more information, log onto www.diabetes.org, American Diabetes Association.

Easter Flowers in Memory of a Loved One



Remember a loved one during the Easter season with a donation towards Easter flowers for the altar. Place your donation in the special envelope provided in the pews.

DID YOU KNOW?**RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

A key to reporting child abuse and neglect is being able to recognize common indicators. In children, the following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect: shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance, has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention, is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen, is overly compliant, passive or withdrawn, comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php>.

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

**Holy Name of Jesus Retreat for Men
April 17-19, 2009**

This year's men's retreat will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the city of Sierra Madre. The retreat, which is preached by the passionate retreat team, begins Friday evening and concludes early Sunday afternoon. The lovely grounds and peaceful atmosphere of Mater Dolorosa makes this a perfect spot for a weekend of spiritual renewal and growth. The theme for this year is: Communion of Saints...Our everyday heroes. Requested donation: \$170.00 \$50.00 non-refundable deposit completes registration (no one is turned away because of financial inability to make the requested donation).

To register or for additional information, please call Clyde G. Sparrow 213-392-1916 (cell) or 323-770-4708 (office).

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!
- Family Mass Sunday, April 26, 2009 – 2nd Grade
- The 5th & 6th Grade Class each donated 50.00 to the Mini-Kitchen

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

Thank you for your support!

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent in the church at 6:00pm in English and 7:00pm in Spanish. For any questions, please call the Parish Office at 323-734-8888 ext 1.

**Office of Religious Education**

- Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Acacia Center.
 - First Communion Celebration Saturday, May 16, 2009 10:00am English and 12:30pm Spanish
- For more information, please contact Cathy Brown at (323) 734-8888 ext. 2.



The HNOJ Usher Ministry is conducting a scholarship drive to benefit the Graduating Class of HNOJ School. We are selling 50/50 Raffle Tickets to help raise funds for the scholarships. Tickets are now available for purchase. For more information about the Scholarship and raffle tickets, please contact Mr. Albert Haylock (323) 732-2015 or any of the Ushers before and after mass.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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

We should all feel a call from Jesus to share our gifts and support our parish. Not everyone can give a lot of money, but everyone should give at least as much as they are spending on personal expenses. What do we spend on cell phones, cable TV, restaurants, and movies? How much does that compare to what we offer to God each week?

Weekly Collections**Current Year:**

March 22, 2009 = \$ 8,217.64

Two Previous Years:

March 30, 2008 = \$ 8,660.00

March 25, 2007 = \$ 8,078.00

Thank you for your generosity!