

M A S S S C H E D U L E**Monday 4/27 7:30AM Fr. Spellman**

Acts 6:8-15
 Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
 John 6:22-29

Tuesday 4/28 7:30AM Fr. Idomele

Acts 7:51-8:1
 Psalm 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21
 John 6:30-35

Wednesday 4/29 7:30AM Fr. Spellman

Acts 8:1-8
 Psalm 66:1-7
 John 6:35-40

Thursday 4/30 7:30AM Fr. Idomele

Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
 John 6:44-51

Friday 5/1 7:30AM Fr. Spellman

Genesis 1:26-2:3
 Psalm 90:2-4, 12-14, 16
 Matthew 13:54-58

**Saturday 5/2 7:30AM Fr. Spellman
4:30PM Fr. Spellman**

Acts 9:31-42
 Psalm 116:12-17
 John 6:60-69

Fourth Sunday of Easter**Sunday 5/3 8:00am Fr. Idomele
10:00am Fr. Spellman
12:30pm Fr. Spellman**

Acts 4:8-12
 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18

**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 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, 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, Clyde Mitchell, Ruby Louque, Henry Green, and Thurman Johnson.

FOUND - One set of keys, with a "Class of 2007" emblem and the name of a particular college. If these keys are yours, please call the parish office with the name of the college and you can pick up your keys!

The HNOJ Usher Ministry will be conducting a scholarship drive to benefit the Graduating Class of HNOJ School. We are selling 50/50 Raffle Tickets to help toward raising funds for these scholarships. Tickets are now available for purchase. For more information on 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.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, Apr. 27, 2009	7:00pm PPC Meeting
Tuesday, Apr. 28, 2009	7:00pm Youth Group Mtg 7:00pm Substance Abuse
Wednesday, Apr. 29, 2009	6:30pm MSC
Thursday, Apr. 30, 2009	12:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Charismatic 7:00pm Confirmation
Friday, May. 1, 2009	7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Baptismal Class
Saturday, May. 2, 2009	9:30am Religious Classes 11:00am Altar Server mtg 12:00pm Girl Scouts
Sunday, May 3, 2009	9:00am Religious Classes 2:00pm Awe Drumming

Pastor's Letter

I am a firm believer that everyone should go on a **retreat** at least once a year; a time to get away from familiar surroundings, a time to take a break from the day-to-day pressures of life, a time to spend with our Lord in silence and in prayer. Last Friday evening I went to the **Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center** in **Sierra Madre** and joined sixteen of the men from our parish for the first night of the annual Men's Retreat that has taken place for well over twenty years! It was good to see so many men who had committed themselves to taking that time to be with the Lord, just as Jesus did during the forty days of Lent when He went to the desert to pray. I wish I could have stayed the entire weekend, but, as you know, weekends are the busiest time for priests!

But this week I am going to the **House of Prayer for Priests** for my annual retreat: Monday through Friday I will be with twenty other priests as we explore the **Gospel of Luke**. By the time you read this, I will have returned, and I look forward to sharing with you my experience of spending time in silence with the Sacred Scriptures and in praying for the members of our parish.

Many people have asked, "Can't I just do a retreat at home?" Of course you can, but it is so much better to be in an environment that is removed from the distractions of familiar surroundings. When you take a retreat that is away from home, you don't have to worry about picking up the mail, responding to emails, and dealing with telephone calls (cell phones included!). **A change in location, even if it is only a few miles away, can make all the difference!**

If you have not made a retreat in the past year or so, I invite you to consider doing so. The women of our parish are currently organizing a **women's retreat**, and they are trying to tie down a date that is good for many of our parishioners. Be sure to watch the bulletin for more details!

During this week I will pray for all of the members of Holy Name of Jesus parish, and, since I will be at the House of Prayer for Priests, I will pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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

On the week end of May 15-17 Deacon Doug Johnson and his wife Sheree, and the Holy Name of Jesus' "Caring Connection" Social Justice Support Ministry will have their Spring Retreat at St Ann's in the Mountains in Running Springs, and all are welcome to join us on this very spiritual experience that promises to be a time of renewal and empowerment. The fee is only \$65.00 for the week-end, so all who are interested in attending please see Deacon Doug to receive an application / flier. This retreat is open to all.

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Circle V Ranch Camp

Circle V Ranch is a summer camp at Lake Cachuma in the Santa Barbara Mountains. It is supervised by St. Vincent de Paul Society. There are eight scheduled one week session starting June 28 through August 12th. The camp serves boys and girls age 7-13. There is also a counselor training program for teens age 14-17, that program is the Counselor –In-Leadership training. A week at camp will offer the opportunity to participate in various activities, have fun and meet new friends. For further information please contact Velma Ottley (323) 732-2201.

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Men's Retreat

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Retreat committee would like to thank all who attended the retreat especially those who attended for the first time their presence greatly contributed to the success of the retreat at Mater Dolorosa this past weekend. We also would like to thank all parishioners who kept us in prayer during our retreat.

Clyde Sparrow and Herbert King.

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.

- **Evening of Music – May 7, 2009**

Parishioners and Alumni are invited to an Evening of Music featuring HNOJ's Choir starting at 7:00 p.m. HNOJ's Scholarship Drive for the 2009/2010 will be launched at this time.

Healthy Living...

Surviving Hard Economic Times—Thriving on Faith

by Jim and Susan Vogt (www.americancatholic.org)

For some, economic hardship means belt-tightening: eating out less, skipping vacation, going from two cars to one. For others, it's much more: losing a job, a house or health care. Both groups feel pain, but to those for whom it's the difference between eating and going hungry, complaints about giving up cable TV can seem insensitive and frivolous. So how do people of faith respond to the real suffering that many face—both major and minor—during hard economic times? **What NOT to do...**

❖ **DON'T view economic adversity as God's punishment.**

In some theologies, wealth signifies God's favor and poverty indicates that one has sinned. Although Church teaching doesn't support these views, the financially comfortable may be tempted to attribute bounty to hard work and virtuous living. Sometimes these go hand in hand but, just as there are innocent people who are born into poverty, there are wealthy people who didn't achieve their riches through virtuous living. People of faith must remember that we are all God's beloved children.

❖ **DON'T hoard what you have.** It's tempting to cling more tightly to what we have. If my family is in survival mode, we naturally focus on taking care of ourselves first. If I barely have enough food, why should I share? This all makes human sense, but it's not what Jesus did. When Jesus fed the multitudes, a few generous followers offered their bread and fish which, when blessed, were enough for all. Remember too the prosperous farmer who had such a good harvest that he pulled down his storage barns and built bigger ones. "God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves" (Luke 12:20-21).

❖ **DON'T nurse your anger, complain or act illegally or immorally.** In hard economic times people feel angry and complain. That's natural. Venting and crying out to God in pain and fear are common refrains in the psalms. Still, a time comes when these attitudes rob us of the energy to find positive solutions. We might understand why a person feels driven to illegal or immoral means to survive when in a desperate situation. That doesn't make it right. Remember Job. His trials included both economic devastation and physical pain. His uprightness in the face of adversity is why he's such a compelling model for us.

❖ **Embracing Christian simplicity.** Although some Christians embrace voluntary poverty as a means of growing in holiness, too many of our brothers and sisters find themselves living in a poverty that is neither willed nor holy. With the current economic downturn, many of us are being pushed to simplify our lifestyles. This is consistent with Church teaching which calls us to "practice poverty of spirit and generosity of heart. These virtues liberate us from being slaves to money and possessions....They also enable us to adopt a simplicity of life that frees us from consumerism and helps us preserve God's creation" (*U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults*, pp. 449-450). Jesus said, "Do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'... [Y]our heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (Matthew 6:31-32). For many of us, the downsizing that is being thrust upon us is the lifestyle that Christians should aspire to anyway. It's just that now we may not have a choice.

DID YOU KNOW?

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE

There are 25,857 catholic parishes and schools in the United States. If every Catholic parish or school could stop just one child from being abused we could make a tremendous difference. Abuse prevention training programs are available on a regular basis in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These programs only take a few hours to complete.

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

Please keep in your prayers the youth of our parish making their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 10:00 am

**Holy Name of Jesus School
First Communion Candidates**

Marcus Calbert, Daniel Felix, Kayce Hansford, Shea Herrera, Kierra Massangale, Andaiye McAndrew Katherine Montes, Justin Muojekwu, Angel Perez, Rialton Reid, Jared Rhaburn, Morgan Rhode, Korey Smith, Dayra Ventura, Nathaniel Webb, Samantha Webb, Kobe White.

Holy Name of Jesus Religious Formation Candidates

Samantha Chacon, Dominique Conley, Jonathan Cameros, Joseph Charles Jr., Enrique Chavarria, Mariana Chavarria, Omar Chavarria, Ana Escalante, Aranzazu Fernandez, Rodney Desvigne IV. Alice Diaz, Justin Dockery, Sasha Lozano, Elizabeth Marcial Mendez, Elbert McDowell Jr., Alan Pablo, Zully Quiche, Lisandro Ramirez, Kyle Reece, Emile Rouzan, Elizabeth Ruiz, Matthew Tovar, Michael Tovar, David Vasquez, Jorge Vasquez, Pedro Vasquez, Chris Yates, Abraham Vasquez.

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation class of 2009. These young people will be confirmed at St. Brigid Catholic Church on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Jared Allen, Lei' lani Bladen, Cryselfa Chavez, Joshua Davis, Joshua Edwards, Richard Flores, Astrid Galindo, Kori Gilmer, Mani Johnson, Derrick Knighton, Timothy Lambey, Jonathan Lopez Bessie Landaverde, Clayton Landry, Andrea McKinley, Edna Mendez, Maria Perez, Marie Pablo, Pedro Ramos, Melissa Roberts, Jocelyn Sandoval, Shirley Seferino, Shawneece Sosa, Morgan Stelly, Dawna Thornhill, Brandon Washington, Brooke Washington and Dehneim Young.



Marriage Encounter

A Marriage Encounter is like Easter Sunday because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer fuller life together! The next weekend is scheduled for May 1-3, 2009. For more information, call Winston & Pansy Greene at (323)719-7715 or go online at www.ilovemypouse.org.

Office of Religious Education

- Confirmation Friday, May 8, 2009 at St. Brigid
- 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.



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Please Note:

- 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.

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, restaurant, and movies? How much does that compare to what we offer to God each week?

Weekly Collections

Current Year :

April 19, 2009 = \$ 8,102.00

Two Previous Years :

April 20, 2008 = \$ 9,512.00

April 22, 2007 = \$ 6,733.80

Thank you for your generosity!