

**M A S S S C H E D U L E****Monday 9/28 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Zechariah 8:1-8  
 Psalm 102:16-21, 29, 22-23  
 Luke 9:46-50

**Tuesday 9/29 7:30am Fr. Idomele**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
 Psalm 138:1-5  
 John 1:47-51

**Wednesday 9/30 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Nehemiah 2:1-8  
 Psalm 137:1-6  
 Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday 10/1 7:30am Fr. Idomele**

Nehemiah 8:1-7, 12  
 Psalm 19:8-11  
 Luke 10:1-12

**Friday 10/2 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

Baruch 1:15-22  
 Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9  
 Matthew 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday 10/3 7:30am Fr. Spellman  
4:30pm Fr. Spellman**

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29  
 Psalm 69:33-37  
 Luke 10:17-24

**Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time****Sunday 10/4**  
**8:00am Fr. Spellman**  
**10:00am Fr. Spellman**  
**12:30pm Fr. Spellman**

Genesis 2:18-24  
 Psalm 128:1-6  
 Hebrews 2:9-11  
 Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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, Basil Lewis, Herbie King, Mario Toledo, Elizabeth Profit, those seeking employment, and those struggling to make ends meet during these tough times.

**Church Bulletin Board**

**Monday, Sep 28, 2009**  
 7:00pm Bible Study  
 7:00pm PPC Meeting  
 7:00pm Renew 2000 (Spanish)  
 7:00pm School Fundraiser

**Tuesday, Sep 29, 2009**  
 6:30pm Virtue Training  
 7:00pm Substance Abuse  
 7:00pm Spanish Intercessory

**Wednesday, Sep 30, 2009**  
 6:30pm MSC  
 7:00pm Mariano Ministry  
 7:00pm Spanish Baptism Class

**Thursday, Oct 1, 2009**  
 12:30pm Bible Study  
 7:00pm Confirmation  
 7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

**Friday, Oct 2, 2009**  
 3:00pm Olan Mills  
 6:30pm BDYC  
 7:00pm Bible Study  
 7:00pm Baptismal Class

**Saturday, Oct 3, 2009**  
 9:30am Religious Formation  
 9:30am Bible Study  
 10:00am Olan Mills  
 11:00am Girl Scouts  
 12:00pm Virtue Training  
 1:00pm Baptism  
 2:00pm Baptism

**Sunday, Oct 4, 2009**  
 9:00am Religious Formation  
 2:00pm Awe Drumming

### Pastor's Letter

During this month of **September**, our annual **Stewardship** month, we have had the blessing of listening to many of our parishioners share their stories of how God has worked - and continues to work - in their lives. Many have spoken of the influence that their parents and other family members have had on their faith formation, and how Holy Name of Jesus Church has blessed them on their journey of faith. And, as Pastor, it has helped me to pause and reflect on how blessed I am to be a priest serving the people of God.

But, like anything in life, there have been challenges. **As you know, I instituted a policy here at Holy Name that we never turn down a sick call or a funeral, regardless of whether the patient, the deceased, or their family is a member of the parish, or whether they are Catholic are not.** When people call, we respond. And the hardest words to hear from a family are, *"Father, we lost a loved one, but we have to wait until the Coroner releases the body."* That means that the person did not die of old age or in a hospital setting. In the past two weeks I have had two such funerals, and each one was a real challenge. A week ago Friday I celebrated the Mass of Resurrection for a young man who died at the **age of 46** due to the effects alcohol abuse. (His body was found behind a dumpster in a park.) Needless to say, his family was devastated. And, of course, they ask "the unanswerable questions" of *"We did everything we could. We sent him to the best rehab centers we could find. What else could we have done?"* And I struggle to find the words that would give them the peace they were looking for.

This past Friday I celebrated the Funeral Mass for a **19 year-old young man** who was shot and killed while walking home from a friend's house. He had no gang affiliation, and it is presumed that this was a random act of violence, or a case of mistaken identity. Regardless of the reason, it was still a needless tragedy - an unnecessary loss of life for someone who was barely old enough to be out of high school. Again, what can I see to comfort his grieving family? That is the challenge that priests are faced with and **prayer is our best response.**

Now that the bodies are buried, and the families are trying to figure out a way to get up each morning and face the issues of their daily lives, we have to ask ourselves, **"What can we do to bring an end to the abuse of alcohol and drugs? What can we do to eliminate the violence that takes place on our streets?"** Once again, my best response is **prayer.** And then to take the time to reach out to someone who may be slipping into a life that is not in accord with God's will. To take the time to hold their hand, and to share with them the message of God's unconditional love. To be present with another, the way that Jesus was present with His disciples 2,000 years ago - and is with us each day.

Every month I go to the **Twin Towers Men's Jail** and visit a **20 year-old** that has been charged with murdering a family member. I do not know the details of the case, and I don't know whether he is guilty or not. But I do know that we **cannot** simply *"lock him up and throw away the key."* Jesus wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. I don't know what religion this young man adheres to (if any at all). But I do pray for his conversion, a conversion that may not involve a changing from one religion to another, but a conversion that is based on a turning towards our loving God - and away from the darkness that surrounds him in his cell.

During this week let us each take some time for **prayer** and ask the Lord to free us from the demons of violence, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, or anything else that draws us away from the Light of Christ.

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

## HNOJ Pastor's Scholarships Are Still Available

Holy Name of Jesus School is still enrolling new students for the 2009/2010 school year. If you are a member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Pastor's Scholarships are still available. Contact our Principal Ms. Belisle to obtain more information at 323-731-2255.

### Volunteers Needed:

We are still looking for parishioners who can volunteer to assist with our marketing and development efforts. To obtain a list of the planned activities for this Fall, please contact HNOJ's Marketing Director at 323-551-7846.

### Scholarship Fund:

HNOJ is still accepting pledges for the scholarship fund for the new school year. The school has received numerous requests for admission that can be met if financial aid is available. Your donations and contributions to the scholarship fund will help to make the school more accessible to these students and their families. Thank You!

## HNOJ School News Thank You HNOJ Parishioners!

Our goal has been to raise \$20,000 by August 31, 2009 to provide scholarships to deserving students. With your assistance we have raised \$9,000 thus far.

As a valued member of our school community we appreciate your efforts to join us in making the school more affordable and accessible to those families that want a quality, Catholic education for their children.

The Scholarship Fund continues through August 31, 2009; the beginning of the new school year. You can mail your check to the school or if you have questions regarding your pledge or donation please contact the school:

Holy Name of Jesus School  
1955 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90018  
323-731-2255

The Western Regional Council on Educating Black Children, in partnership with Each One - Teach One Alliance for Academic Access will host a FREE SAT PREPARATION WORKSHOP on September 27th 2009. The workshop will be held at the Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd between 12:45pm - 5:00pm. There will be two sessions each on Mathematics and Reading/Writing. Juniors and Seniors should reserve a seat by calling (866) 614-9847. Leave your Name, School, Grade, and Contact Number. This is a first come - first serve event and seats are limited to 200 students. For more information, log onto [www.wrcebc.org](http://www.wrcebc.org) or you may call (323) 945-9851.

## Healthy Living...

### Hand-Washing

Hand-washing is a simple and effective way to help prevent diseases, such as colds, flu, and food poisoning.

### When to wash your hands

- Often, especially during cold and flu (influenza) season, can reduce your risk of catching or spreading a cold or the flu.
- Before and after preparing or serving food reduces your risk of catching or spreading bacteria that cause food poisoning. Be especially careful to wash before and after preparing poultry, raw eggs, meat, or seafood.
- After going to the bathroom or changing diapers reduces your risk of catching or spreading infectious diseases such as salmonella or hepatitis A.

Wash your hands after:

- Touching bare human body parts other than clean hands and clean, exposed parts of your arms.
- Using the bathroom.
- Coughing, sneezing, or using a handkerchief or disposable tissue.
- Eating, drinking, or using tobacco (for example, smoking).
- Handling soiled kitchen utensils or equipment.
- Handling other soiled or contaminated utensils or equipment.
- Handling or preparing foods, especially after touching raw meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, or eggs.
- Changing diapers, handling garbage, using the phone, shaking hands, or playing with pets.

### Proper hand-washing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the following steps for hand washing:

1. Wash your hands with hot running water and soap. Children should use warm running water.
2. Rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds.
3. Pay special attention to your wrists, the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your fingernails.
4. Leave the water running while you dry your hands on a paper towel.
5. Use the paper towel as a barrier between the faucet and your clean hands when you turn off the water.

If soap and water are not available, use gel hand sanitizers or alcohol-based hand wipes containing 60% to 90% ethyl alcohol or isopropanol. Most supermarkets and drugstores carry these products. Carry one or both with you when you travel, and keep them in your car or purse. If using the gel sanitizer, rub your hands until the gel is dry. You don't need to use water. The alcohol in the gel kills the germs on your hands.

For more information, log onto [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**HELP REDUCE ABUSE STATISTIC**

Naturally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children.

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

**The Los Angeles County Department of Health will be here today Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 10:00am -2:00pm to give Flu Shots to the church community. All are welcome.**

*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:**

September 20, 2009 = \$ 8,617.00

**Two Previous Years:**

September 21, 2008 = \$ 7,796.19

September 16, 2007 = \$ 8,328.00

***Thank you for your generosity!***

Are you interested in evangelizing and sharing the uniqueness of Holy Name with others? If so, then come to the next Hospitality Committee meeting. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Acacia Center. We hope to see you there.

The Young Adult Bible Study meets every Monday in the Hall from 7:00pm-8:30pm. It is specially designed for those who are hungry and thirsty to be spiritually fed. You will experience an encounter with the living God through His living word, so prepare to be transformed and enlightened through the awesome power of God's Holy Word. Please take a flier in the back of the church and spread the word.

**COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR SALE:**

**I have an IMAC G3, complete with software, flatbed scanner, printer and all cables ready for you to plug in and work. It is an amazing little workstation, just needs a new home. \$500 . . . or best offer. Please call: 323) 294-3427.**

**A few friendly reminders...**

- 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 requested to remain in the church lobby until directed by an usher...
- Turn cell phones and pagers off when entering church...
- No gum, food or drinks in the church!!!!

***September is Stewardship Month!***

*All are called to be of service to God's People!*

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**The St. Peter Claver Center has discontinued distribution of thrift shop clothing. They will only have food. Please do not bring clothes to the Center.**

**Their new address is:**

**4502 West Washington Blvd.  
L.A., CA 90016  
(323) 297-2203**

**Office of Religious Education**

Registration for all Religious Classes, which includes First Communion and Confirmation, is still underway.

**There will be a VIRTUE Training Class Tuesday, September 29, 2009 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the Acacia Center.**

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