



Catalog of Opportunities



HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH

A Community for Others

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Pastor's Triple Challenge

“Do you love me? Then feed my sheep!” (John 21:15-17)

This passionate charge of Jesus to Peter ignited Peter's heart of service and filled him with the courage and motivation to spend the rest of his life listening for the Holy Spirit within him (Acts 10:9-33), building up the fledgling Church (1 & 2 Peter), and reaching out to the poor and lame (Acts 3:1-10). Jesus lovingly and passionately charges us with the same mission. If you love Jesus, then go and feed his sheep. We are not one-hour-a-week Christians. We go to Mass on Sunday not to check a box but to receive Jesus in the Word, the Eucharist, and the Community of the Church. We receive Jesus on Sunday so that we can feed ourselves, our community and our world Monday through Saturday. We go to Mass on Sunday to profess our love for Jesus. But then Jesus turns to us and says, “Do you love me? Then feed my sheep!”

Besides going to Sunday Mass, how do you feed the sheep of your own soul? Of your church parish? Of the people of the world? This little booklet is meant to stir you into action—to show your love for Jesus by choosing concrete ways of feeding his sheep.

May I invite you to take up my triple-challenge? This booklet presents opportunities for you to (1) feed the sheep of your own soul by engaging in activities that will help you to mature as a Christian by growing in wisdom and love of your God, (2) feed the sheep of your parish community by serving the people of Holy Name of Jesus in some real and concrete way, and (3) feed the sheep of the world by reaching out to the poor, the outcast, the suffering. My triple-challenge to you is this:

Try out at least one concrete way of feeding your soul, the souls of your community and the souls of the world. Choose at least one opportunity from each of the three parts of this booklet. Sign up and start feeding!

Ministry Sign-Up

So, how do I get started? How do I sign up?

You may notice that after each opportunity in this booklet, there is nothing at all about who to call or email in order to sign up and get started. We have decided that rather than give you lots of different phone numbers of the various leaders, we would make it super-easy for you by giving you the choice of just one name, one phone number, or one online form to fill out. No matter which of these things you are interested in, all you have to do to get started is...

Call our office at (504) 865-7430

Email: Holynome@hnjchurch.org

Or fill out this online form at www.hnjchurch.org/get-involved or by pointing your smartphone camera at the following QR Code:



That's it! We'll take it from there. Someone should be calling you to help you through the process of getting started.

One note: please be patient with us! Church offices are usually short-staffed, and we are no exception. It may take a few months before you are up and running. Remember, we are on God's time!

1 Feed the Sheep of Your Soul

Are you “Caught up” on your Sacraments?

Have you received all of the Sacraments that are available to you (Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation)? Our specialized **Adult Sacramental Preparation Program** is especially designed just for you! Were you married outside of the Church and would like to have your marriage blessed? Did you accidentally miss out on one or more of the Sacraments for your children? Do you have a serious illness and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick? The staff and priests of HNJ are ready and eager to help! Please contact the office and we'll show you how to get started.

Adoration Chapel

Eucharistic adoration is a practice in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful. Christian meditation performed in the presence of the Eucharist has been practiced, over the years, by many saints such as Julian Eymard, Jean Vianney and Thérèse of Lisieux. When an individual commits for an uninterrupted hour, it is known as a Holy Hour. The inspiration for the Holy Hour is Matthew 26:40 when in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus asks Peter: "So, could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" You are welcome to drop in, bringing your thoughts, concerns or questions to Our Lord or just sit and enjoy the quiet. Many adorers experience a grace and peace during their Holy Hour that becomes an important part of their faith and their lives. Please visit and consider joining our Adoration community as a committed adorer. The Holy Name of Jesus Adoration chapel is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. The chapel is located in the Pastoral Center building on the corner of Palmer & LaSalle.

1 Feed the Sheep of Your Soul

WOW: Women of Wisdom

Women of Wisdom (WOW) is a ministry designed to meet the needs of women in the second half of their lives. It is run by a committee of volunteers. The goal of the ministry is to provide opportunities for members to participate in projects, events and gatherings that focus on service, spiritual growth and social support. Past projects include partnering with Unity and Woman's New Life Clinic for service projects, gathering for a Spiritual Book Club, taking a tour of the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos, and participating in the No Greater Love course by Edward Sri to focus on our spiritual lives. Social events included a Christmas wrapping party for Angel Tree gifts, a Royal Tea Party and Ladies Brunch. We always welcome new members and ideas!

Journey Men's Group

Responding to the Invitation of Jesus to be Men for Others, Journey meets live or via Zoom on Friday mornings at 6 a.m. to pray, read spiritual writings, and have authentic discussion about the call to love God and neighbor. It is a place of confidential encounter where questions and honest sharing are welcomed. There is no preparation necessary. The group gathers in the Adoration Chapel at the Parish Center for silent prayer then moves to a meeting room for Scripture reading, prayer, and discussion.

1 Feed the Sheep of Your Soul

Men's Club

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Club is a social and service organization open to all men in Holy Name of Jesus School or Parish. Meetings start at the beginning of each school year and are held every month. Our meetings consist of business, discussion of upcoming events, and socializing.

Young Adult Ministry

Our mission is to bring young adults in their 20s and 30s into greater involvement in the Church. We provide our members with opportunities to grow their faith while building strong relationships within the Holy Name of Jesus community. Young Adults regularly gather at the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass. After Mass, we have a social gathering in the back of the church.

Scripture Study Group

We have a weekly discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the pastoral center. All are welcome!

Grief Support Group

Holy Name of Jesus sponsors a Grief Support Group. All who are experiencing the loss of a loved one are welcome to come and share or just listen. It doesn't matter how recently you have experienced a loss or how long ago you have lost a loved one.

1 Feed the Sheep of Your Soul

HNJ Movie Night & Contemplative Prayer

We enjoy dinner and a faith-based movie together at the parish center on select Fridays at 6 p.m. Among other things, we have been watching the acclaimed series *The Chosen* and we engage in fellowship and discussion following each episode. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

Prior to each movie night, all are welcome to join us at 5:45 p.m. for a contemplative prayer experience. The prayer focuses on a passage of scripture in which each person participating is asked to focus on a word or passage and silently listen for God's word to penetrate the mind, body, and soul. This is a wonderful way to place yourself in God's presence as you end your week.

Getting to Know Our New Saints

Pope Francis has canonized more than 900 Saints in barely a decade with more in process, including some very near and dear to us! Who are these 21st Century Saints who have been highlighted as models for our imitation? Let's explore and discuss some of their stories that reveal extreme virtue, amazing service, or martyrdom for our faith. All are welcome at our gatherings to discuss these Catholic heroes. Light refreshments are always provided so that we can enjoy one another's company as we explore the lives of our newest Saints.

1 Feed the Sheep of Your Soul

Transformation Through Prayer Workshop

The Transformation Through Prayer Reflection Series is offered on select Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. throughout the year and focuses on Ignatian Spirituality. This series is based on Ignatius' call to journey with Jesus through various forms of prayer and reflection.

Catholicism Lecture Series

The Catholic Church: What is it and Why I'm In It. What are the basic tenets of the Catholic Church? How do we know that God exists? Why do the innocent suffer? How do we determine what is sinful? How do I know that I am saved by Jesus Christ? What do we believe about the Bible? What do we believe about non-Catholics? Why are the Sacraments important? How do we pray? What does it mean to be a mature, well-balanced Christian Catholic? These questions and many more are explored in Father Mark E. Thibodeaux's lecture series, 6-8 p.m. (day varies) in the church.

Rosary

In recent times the Mother of God has appeared in various parts of the world and asked for the recitation of the Rosary, the prayer she gave to the world centuries ago. It is her favorite prayer, for it is essentially a meditation on the life of her Divine Son. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group. All are invited to pray the Rosary every Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

1 Feed the Sheep of Your Soul

First Friday Breakfast

First Friday Breakfast provides an opportunity for members of the Holy Name of Jesus community to gather and share a meal and fellowship on the First Friday of every month after the 7 a.m. daily Mass. All are invited to join us for a delicious, hot breakfast served in the Faber Room of the Pastoral Center, starting around 7:45 a.m. Come enjoy eggs, grits, waffles, hot coffee and more, and enjoy visiting with fellow members of our community. All are welcome!

Community Dinners

All members of the Holy Name of Jesus community are invited to join us for our quarterly Community Dinners, which are hosted by various organizations in the school and parish community, including the Men's Club, Parent Teacher Club, Pastoral Council, and Women of Wisdom. This is a great opportunity to share a meal while witnessing Christ's loving presence to each other through our hospitality. The dinner typically takes place in the HNJ Parish Center at 6 p.m. (day varies). All are welcome!

1 Feed the Soul: Children & Family

Altar Servers

Altar Servers are a special group of young people in our parish who have answered God's call to ministry. An altar server is one of the liturgical ministers of our parish who have special tasks to perform during the liturgies, especially during the celebration of the Eucharist. Altar servers are involved in the holiest and most sacred events of Catholic worship. As they assist the priest, they make worship more reverent, efficient, and beautiful. Their service is very important!

Altar servers may be male or female. They must be 10 years of age or older and have received First Holy Communion. They must attend mass regularly and be willing to come to church at least fifteen minutes before the liturgy begins. They must have a strong desire to serve at the altar of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Holy Name of Jesus offers a beautiful age-appropriate scripture reflection for the Gospel in order to create a prayerful celebration simple enough so that its message is meaningful for children. Children's Liturgy is offered on most Sundays at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Family Mass

Family Mass is a family-centered Sunday Mass in which the music, prayers and homily are planned with children in mind. The presider invites all the children to the steps of the sanctuary for a shared reflection on the readings of the day. The whole family is encouraged to participate in this delightful child-friendly celebration of our salvation.

1 Feed the Soul: Children & Family

Youth Group

Holy Name of Jesus is working to begin a youth ministry that will offer a wide spectrum of worship, reflection, games and other activities and fellowship through conversation, food and prayer in order to help our youth explore their Catholic faith, understand that we show our love for God by loving our neighbors, and have fun doing it.

Scouting

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts participate in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational activities, and at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations, in order to witness Christ's living and loving presence to girls and boys.

Camp Gator

Holy Name of Jesus School offers an amazing six-week summer camp that is available to all youth of our parish. Activities include: swimming, water play, sports, STEM activities, arts, in-house field trips, and more! We provide a wide variety of engaging activities for each age group. Younger campers will have a structured day complete with a vast array of activities, while older campers will get to choose their activities and create their own camp experience. With the different themes, no two weeks will be exactly the same, regardless of camper age! Camp Gator also offers opportunities for high school students to serve as junior counselors and counselors. It's a great way to earn service hours and learn good leadership skills.

1 Feed the Soul: Children & Family

Parish School of Religion

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is open for all children, kindergarten through 10th grade. Children gather in grade-level classes and learn about their faith in an age-appropriate way. Children are taught the doctrines of the Catholic faith, how to pray with Christ, the meaning of liturgy and the sacraments.

PSR includes sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Preparation for both sacraments is a two-year process beginning in first grade and with the reception of the sacraments in second grade. Parish School of Religion classes are held Sunday mornings from 9-10 a.m. in the Holy Name of Jesus School building.

High School Confirmation Prep

Juniors and seniors in high school are prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program includes enriching lectures and discussions, a day-long retreat, and community service opportunities. The program culminates in a beautiful Mass in which a bishop confers this most sacred gift of the Holy Spirit upon the candidate.

1 Feed the Soul: Children & Family

Holy Name of Jesus School

Holy Name of Jesus has many ways for our parishioners to serve during the school day and after hours:

- Substituting
- Helping in Little Gators (infants/toddlers)
- Helping in Later Gators (aftercare)
- Assisting during lunch/recess
- Joining the Grandparents Club
- Athletic Coaching
- Joining the Alumni Committee
- Helping with morning and afternoon carpool
- Coordinating and setting up for social events
- Fundraising & marketing
- Assisting with facilities maintenance
- Helping in the library
- Helping with Summer Camp activities
- Providing authentic cultural presentations
- And, so much more! Send us an email:
hnjschool@hnjschool.org

Note: For the safety and security of our children, all adult volunteers will be required to apply for a background check and complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment course.

2 Feed the Sheep of your Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Altar Servers

Altar Servers support our celebrants during liturgies in order to enhance the quality of each sacred liturgical experience for our parishioners. Children ages 10 and up who have received their First Holy Communion are encouraged to participate.

Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist facilitate the energetic celebration of our weekly Eucharist by assisting the priests in distributing Holy Communion at all Masses.

Hospitality Ministers

Hospitality Ministers greet and welcome parishioners and guests to Holy Name of Jesus Church liturgies and events in order to build a warm, caring, and loving environment that demonstrates the living and loving presence of Christ in our faith community.

Lectors

Lectors provide parishioners with the opportunity to absorb the Liturgy of the Word in their hearts and witness it in their lives through unhurried, clear, and well-paced proclamation of the Word.

2 Feed the Sheep of your Parish Community

Music Ministry

St. Paul said, “Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts” (Ephesians 5: 18-19). All are welcome to assist the congregation in praising the Lord through song.

Post-Mass Refreshment Ministry

Volunteers serve refreshments and provide an opportunity for parishioners to socialize following the Sunday Masses in order to build up a loving and friendly community here at HNJ.

Sacristans

Sacristans assist in liturgical worship by preparing the sanctuary. They set out the vessels and vestments for Mass and other celebrations. They help to maintain the sacristy and they assist the presiders, altar servers, and other liturgical ministers.

Youth Ministry

Holy Name of Jesus provides numerous opportunities for adults to serve the children and youth of the parish: HNJ Youth Group, Parent leaders of the Altar Servers, Scouting, PSR-Parish School of Religion (Catechism), and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

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ADVISORY COUNCILS

HNJ advisory councils are made up of members that are either appointed by the Pastor or elected. Parishioners who are interested in applying for membership are asked to speak with the Pastor.

Finance Council

The Finance Council provides leadership and guidance to the parish on current and future budgets.

School Advisory Board

The School Advisory Board assists the Principal and Pastor in rendering decisions and improvements that will continue to improve the education and well-being of Holy Name of Jesus students.

Pastoral Council

The pastoral council serves as a board of advisors to the Pastor. The council meets several times per year to discuss the various programs and opportunities offered to the congregation of Holy Name of Jesus.

2 Feed the Sheep of your Parish Community

CARING FOR OUR CHURCH AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Altar Angels

Holy Name of Jesus Church dreams of starting a group of volunteers who would place themselves in charge of regularly cleaning the church—mopping the floors, dusting the pews, caring for the plants and flowers, etc.

Church Decorating

Volunteers decorate the church with appropriate flowers, plants, statues, and religious articles in order to provide a beautiful and inspirational environment for parishioners that is conducive to prayer, praise, and energetic celebration of our liturgies.

Landscaping

Volunteers are needed who can dedicate approximately two hours per week assisting with gardening at the Parish Center and the Church.

2 Feed the Sheep of your Parish Community

MISCELLANEOUS

Meals for Loyola Catholic Studies

Catholic Studies Nights take place every Tuesday night during the academic semester. The evening begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the Uptown Adoration Chapel, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. in the Faber Room of the Parish Center. Volunteers are asked to provide a meal for about 30 students one Tuesday night each semester.

Office Clerical Work

Volunteers work in the parish office and assist permanent staff by answering phones, maintaining databases, and other duties that may fit the volunteers' expertise.

Public Relations & Photography

Public Relations provides consistent messaging and promotion of our programs, which enhances the image of the parish. HNJ would love to have volunteer photographers to provide digital pictures that we could publish on our website, bulletins, etc.

Still looking for ways to help out at HNJ?

We could always use your help with setting up, cooking for, or cleaning up at events such as HNJ Movie Night, First Friday Breakfast, and Community Dinners.

3 Feed the Sheep of the World

Hotel Hope

Hotel Hope serves women and children needing transitional housing. Holy Name of Jesus partners with Hotel Hope to provide dinners for their residents. Volunteers prepare a part of the meal at home and bring it to the HNJ Pastoral Center, and, when possible, help serve the food at Hotel Hope.

Ozanam Inn

Volunteers prepare and serve a meal at Ozanam Inn. Volunteers also prepare sandwiches for later consumption.

Second Harvest

Volunteers prepare boxes of non-perishable food items for the poor and the homebound.

Drivers for Elderly & Homebound

Volunteers provide transportation to Church, appointments, etc., whenever needed for the elderly, homebound and those in need.

Communion to the Sick & Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to come to Mass because of illness or disability, in order to witness Christ's living and loving presence to the sick.

3 Feed the Sheep of the World

Harry Thompson Center

Our collection of the month provides help for those experiencing homelessness through the Harry Thompson Center.

St. Iggy's Cupboard

Non-perishable food items are collected for university students who are struggling.

St. Vincent de Paul

Inspired by the teachings of the Gospel and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the St. Vincent de Paul Society offers women and men an opportunity to grow together spiritually by offering person-to-person services to individuals in need. There is a special devotion to the poor in our parish and city, including emergency financial assistance, food and clothing distribution, and serving meals to the homeless in order to witness Christian love through acts of charity and justice.

Join Our Parish

Register as a Parishioner

Have you officially registered as a parishioner? There are important reasons to be a registered contributing parishioner. Parishioners receive discounts for upcoming weddings. Registered parishioners have the option of receiving online bulletins, invitations, alerts, and announcements from HNJ. It takes less than five minutes to register your entire family.

Simply go to our website, www.hnjchurch.org, then go to Welcome→New Here?→Parish Membership or scan the QR code below to access our membership form.



Mission

We, the Catholic Community at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, graced by the Holy Spirit, are called to invite all people to experience the living and loving presence of Christ by nurturing the spiritual growth of all our members through energetic celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, daily prayer, lifelong study of our faith, witness, service and hospitality.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m. (Church)

Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. (Church)

University Mass 9 p.m. (Loyola Chapel, when Loyola University is in session)

Weekdays 7 a.m. (Church) Weekdays 12:30 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)

Saturday 8:30 a.m. (Church)

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Thursday 7:30-8 a.m. (enter through side door of Church closest to Marquette Hall)

Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. (Church)

Sunday 8:15-8:45 p.m. (Loyola Chapel, when Loyola University is in session)

Or By Appointment

PARISH CENTER

6220 LaSalle Place New Orleans, LA 70118

(located 4 blocks north of St. Charles Ave on the corner of Calhoun Street and LaSalle Place)

Phone: 504-865-7430

Email: holyname@hnjchurch.org

www.hnjchurch.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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