

Holy Name Catholic Church

Established in 1857

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Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at Noon.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023



Parish Mission Statement

We, at the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, strive to be a vibrant, welcoming community of faith. We are unified by our participation in the liturgy, the sacraments, and service. We are a diverse family fully alive in Christ. We serve our God, our Church, and our community through effective stewardship of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Theophilus Ebulueme

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Bob Mahoney

Parish Secretary

Renee Szefcyk

Director of Religious Education

Andrew Kosia

Outreach Coordinator

Elizabeth Fielding

Director of Music

Thomas Habib

Maintenance

Orbain Owens

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council

Glenn Hutchens, Chairperson

Finance Board

Joe Gigante, Chairperson

Hospitality Committee

Connie Ransom, Chairperson

Building Committee

Peter Laurence, Chairperson

Haitian Sister Parish Committee

Gwen Blount, Chairperson

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Obligation

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30am

Sudanese 12:00pm

French 5:00pm
Dec. 25

*Rosary before 8am Mass on
Sundays.*

Mondays 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesdays & Thursdays Noon

Wednesdays & Fridays 8:00am

Daily Mass

Please prayerfully consider Holy Name in your will!

Ministers of the Altar Schedules:

Dec. 23 & 24	5:00pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	T. Habib/ Dcn. Bob	D. Coleman	G. Hutchens
Lector	P. Novotny	S. Pleas	D. McDermott
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield	B. Kosia A. Kosia Jr.	D. Badhera
Dec. 30 & 31	5:00pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	R. Mueller	D. Coleman	G. Hutchens
Lector	C. Kowalski	J. Szeftcyk	D. McDermott
Eucharistic Ministers		M. Gulley M. Evans	S. Hollman
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield	N. Adeeb S. Adeeb	J. Mupipi

MASS READINGS: Cycle B

1st: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16

Responsorial:

Psalm 89:2-5,27,29

2nd: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



WEEKDAY READINGS: (Year II)

December 25 — Monday, The Nativity of the Lord (Day)

Reading 1: Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsorial: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Reading 2: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

December 26 — Tuesday, St. Stephen (Feast)

Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Responsorial: Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

December 27 — Wednesday, St. John the Apostle (Feast)

Reading 1: 1 John 1:1-4

Responsorial: Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Gospel: John 20:1a and 2-8

December 28 — Thursday, The Holy Innocents (Feast)

Reading 1: 1 John 1:5—2:2

Responsorial: Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

December 29 — Friday, 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas

Reading 1: 1 John 2:3-11

Responsorial: Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

December 30 — Saturday, 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas (Daily Readings)

Reading 1: 1 John 2:12-17

Responsorial: Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 12/31/23

1st: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 **2nd:** Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

Responsorial: Psalm 105:1-6,8-9 **Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

Parish Registration Forms

New parishioner registration forms are available in the vestibule (on the bulletin board) to the right of the main entrance. Registration with the parish is required for programs, such as CCD, and/or for those wishing to celebrate the various sacraments. It helps us to stay in touch with everyone, and properly track contributions.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory	\$4,909.00
Building Maint. Fund	280.00
Star Tree (Charity Fund)	661.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00
Titans Parking	1,400.00
Misc. Donations	150.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses	\$5,855.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/23

- Intentions of Holy Name parishioners. **5:00p**

Sunday, 12/24

- For peace in our world. **8:00a**

- For the homeless. **10:30a**

- For an end to war. **12:00p**

- For our children. **5:00p**

- For the deceased members of Holy Name. **9:00p**

Monday, 12/25

- For those serving in our Armed Forces. **10:00a**

- For our families in Africa this Christmas. **12:00p**

Tuesday, 12/26

- For the safety of travelers. **Noon**

Wednesday, 12/27

- Thanksgiving to God for all who work in public health & safety. **8:00a**

Thursday, 12/28

- For Fr. Alex's intentions. **Noon**

Friday, 12/29

- Thanksgiving to God for Fr. Alex's time with us. **8:00a**

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents & Godparents are required to attend a Baptism class. Parents of the child or persons requesting letters to be godparents **must be parishioners for at least six (6) months.** For more information please contact the parish office.

First Communion

Children are prepared for First Holy Communion by participating in the CCD program. Students must be enrolled for at least one (1) year prior to enrolling in the sacramental preparation class.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45pm or by appointment, (615) 254-8847.

Confirmation

Preparation classes are conducted through our CCD program. **Candidates must be enrolled for at least one (1) year prior** to enroll in the Confirmation class.

Matrimony

Preparation is conducted by parish clergymen and the Diocese of Nashville. **You must be a registered parishioner for at least one (1) year** and then contact the parish office at least six (6) months before the proposed date.

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone may request for major or minor health problems. If you anticipate surgery or a stay in the hospital, request the sacrament before (surgery).

PRAYER LIST

Anniece Tisdale

JoAnn Coffey

Gerald Johnson

Pat McRae

Barbara Corlew

Cheryl Tisdale

Roselyn Martin

Nakia Hines

Mary Jane Crockett-Green

Rodney Reiner

Sheila Scumaci

Thomas Larson

Glen Word

Raymond Turek

"Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

Source:

Catholic Prayers for the Sick

PASTOR'S CORNER.

Dear Friends,

After these four weeks of Advent—the waiting and preparation for the most important event in the history of humanity, our feast day, has arrived; when God visited his people. Beginning tonight the entire world will join Christians to commemorate the Nativity of Christ, otherwise known as Christmas.

Whether you are having a holiday rest, enjoying Christmas music, putting together Christmas gifts or visiting family and friends, one thing is certain, the joyful mood and atmosphere are different. Our ancestors in faith passed on this celebratory tradition to us as millions if not billions of non-Christians celebrate with us. Thus, the church fills with joy and gratitude echoing with the angels, “*Glory to God in the highest,*” for unto us a child is born. In the same vein, we honor Mary, the tabernacle of the Lord and, St. Joseph, the guardian of the Lord.

God is with us, His name is Emmanuel! This truth, which is the reason of our joy and hope, should pervade every moment of our existence, convinced that God’s immense love for each one of us is ever-ready to do what is necessary to lead us to never-ending happiness and eternal life. He is with us always and He will never abandon us!

With joy, I welcome all our brothers and sisters to our gathering today. We miss those we have not seen in a while and pray that you persevere in the faith and, not become a victim of the world’s secularism. A new day has begun! God has visited his people. Therefore, give the gift of faith to those around you while sharing your material gifts.

My brothers and sisters, let us rejoice and be glad as we share in the joy of Christ’s birth. I pray that our celebrations will bring you peace and joy as you enter into the New Year, 2024. Merry Christmas!

~ Fr. Theo

Advent/Christmas Star Tree. Our annual fundraiser for the parish Charity Fund assisting parishioners and our community through charitable outreach. (*Utility bills, transportation, and rent etc.*) See Gwen Blount by the tree after the Advent Masses to learn more. We will then close this fundraiser with 2nd collections at all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Parish Office Schedule for Christmas and New Years. The parish office will be closed from Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 26, for Christmas. The office will close again for New Years on Monday, January 1, and Tuesday, January 2.

Christmas Mass Schedule. Masses for Christmas Eve (December 24) will be at 5pm and 9pm, with a Choral Service at 8:30pm. Christmas Day Masses (December 25) will be at 10:00am, Noon (Sudanese), and 5:00pm (Francophone).

New Year’s Day Mass Schedule. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will be on Monday, January 1, 2024 at 10:00am.

Job Opening: Maintenance Person. Holy Name is now accepting resumes for the maintenance/janitorial staff position. The job description has been posted to the parish website. Please send resumes to the parish office via email at holynamechurchnashville@comcast.net or you may send them via USPS to: 521 Woodland Street, Nashville TN 37206. *No phone calls, please.*

Godparent Requests. Please make note that to receive a letter from the parish to serve as a godparent, you must be a registered parishioner for at least six (6) months.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Wednesdays, from 8:30am - 10:30am. The doors ***are locked*** after the daily Mass concludes. For access after the Mass, visit the parish office.

Offerings and Stipends. Unless the Bishop of the Province determines otherwise, the offering for a Mass shall be \$5, and the stipend for administering other sacraments shall be \$25 (Canon 1264). Portions in excess of these amounts may be considered a gift to the priest. (Diocesan norm #124).

Mass Intentions. Please contact the parish office if you wish to schedule a Mass. You are welcome to book Masses for various intentions.

HOME OR AWAY? Use Online Giving! Holy Name offers a convenient and secure way to support our parish through Online Giving with no hassle; home or away! Visit our website and click on “Make a Gift” in the menu bar.

Formed.org. Enrich your faith life by checking out this FREE streaming resource available to Holy Name parishioners. Formed offers a broad range of programming for children, families, individuals, church groups and more. Visit the parish website to learn more. Contact the parish office at (615) 254-8847 if you have questions. Sign-up: [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and enter Zip Code: “37206.”

Bishop’s Annual Appeal for Ministries. We wish to thank everyone who has made their contribution to the Appeal. As of December 18, twenty-two (22) Holy Name parishioners have helped raise a total of \$11,940.00 of our \$15,000 goal amount. If you have not made a gift, make one today!

Loaves and Fishes. No serving this Wednesday. The next day for the Holy Name Group is Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Christmas Flowers. If you would like to help the church offset costs for the altar flowers this Christmas, please use the pre-printed envelope in your 2023 envelope boxes or make a notation on the memo line of your check saying “Christmas flowers.” Thank you!

Thank You. We would like to thank the Holy Name Women’s Group for cleaning the church on December 16, and all who came and decorated the church on December 17. Our holy days are more beautiful due to your labors!

Life Compass Workshop Retreat for Men (January 13). The world and the Church need more good men. Men of faith and virtue; men of vision and purpose. The Life Compass Workshop Retreat will help you integrate all aspects of your life – professional, spiritual, personal, and familial. St. Ann Catholic Church, 5101 Charlotte Ave., Nashville. Snacks and coffee are available throughout the day. Early bird registration is \$109. Sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. For more information call: (615) 298-1782.

Reception of the Precious Blood at Mass. We will make the Precious Blood available on special Feast Days for now. Reminder: Those who are still uncomfortable receiving from the cup, should continue to receive communion as accustomed through the Sacred host.

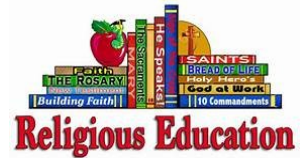
Peace and God’s blessings to all!



Parish Information and Sponsors

2023-24 Religious Education No classes on 12/24 and 12/31.

- **Religious Education/OCIC Registration CLOSED.** Registrations for 2023-24 closed on September 1, 2023. We will no longer admit students for this school year. Registrations for 2024-25 will open in July, 2024.
- **Attendance Policy.** Students may only miss three (3) classes and will be required to make-up any missed lessons.
- **To reach Andrew Kosia, DRE,** please email him at drehncc@comcast.net
- For more about our Religious Education program visit:
<https://www.holynamenashville.com/religious-education>.



To support Holy Name,
Access our secure Online
Giving platform using the
QR code above.

Estate planning?

Bequests to Holy
Name will help
the parish
continue sharing
the Gospel for
generations to come.

New to East Nashville?

Holy Name is here for you and your family!
Pick up a copy of our registration form in the
vestibule or visit the parish website. Become
a part of the Holy Name family to participate
in all our parish has to offer!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Please join us every
Wednesday from 8:30am
until 10:00am, praying the
presence of Our Lord.*

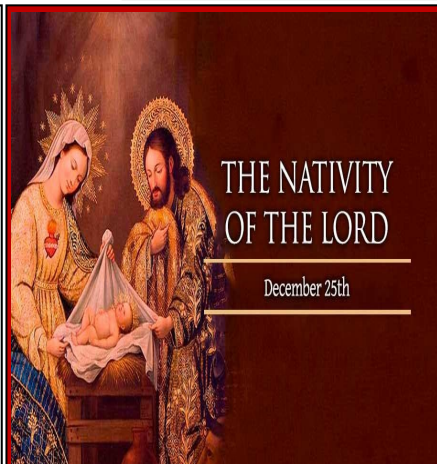


Father Theo's Parish Email

Do you have a question for our pastor?
Would you like to ask for prayers or
schedule an appointment? Please feel
free to contact Father at
pastorHN@comcast.net

Holy Name Church Rentals

The church is available for
special masses such as
weddings and funerals,
funeral home visitations,
memorial services and a
variety of other related
events. Please contact the
parish office.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

December, 2023

**For persons with
disabilities**

*We pray that people living
with disabilities may be at
the center of attention in
society, and that institutions
may offer inclusive programs
which value their active
participation.*



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FOR RATES
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IS A SPACIOUS AREA TO
HOLD YOUR EVENTS
OR

OUR AUDITORIUM IS A COZY
PLACE FOR YOUR SMALL
GATHERINGS.