

Church of the Most Holy Name

Established in 1857

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

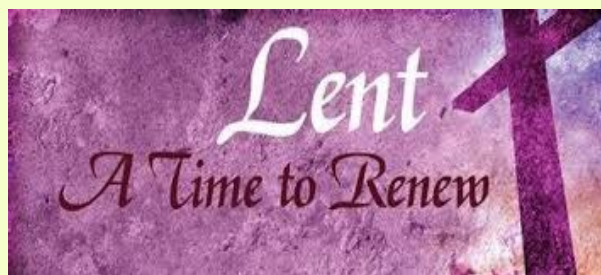
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Parish Mission Statement

We, at the Church of the Most Holy Name, 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

Admin/Outreach & Development

Connie Bishop

Director of Music

Thomas Habib

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council

Glenn Hutchens, Chairperson

Finance Board

Joe Gigante, Chairperson

Hospitality Committee

Lisa Hester & Connie Ransom,
Co-Chairs

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

*Rosary before 8am Mass on
Sundays*

Communion Service

Monday 8:00am

Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 12 Noon

Wednesday & Friday 8:00am

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Minister of the Altar Schedules:

March 22-23	5pm	8am	10:30am
Announcer	Gina Drifmeyer	Kevin Caddigan	Dorinda Coleman
Lector	Charles Azor	Connie Ransom	Diane McDermott
Altar Servers	Emmy Elter		
Eucharistic Ministers		Mike Gulley	Dario Perez Peyton Perez
March 29-30	5pm	8 am	10:30 am
Announcer	Gina Drifmeyer	Gayle Wooten	Dorinda Coleman
Lector	Chris Svitek	Curt Kowalski	Peyton Perez
Altar Servers	James Elter		
Eucharistic Ministers		Mike Gulley Lori Pezzi	

MASS READINGS: Cycle C**1st:** *Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C)***Responsorial:** *Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11***2nd:** *1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12***Gospel:** *Luke 13:1-9***WEEKDAY READINGS: (Year III)****Monday, March 24**Reading I: *2 Kings 5:1-15b OR Exodus 17:1-7*Responsorial: *Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4*Gospel: *Luke 4:24-30 OR John 4:5-42***Tuesday, March 25**Reading I: *Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10*Responsorial: *Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11*Gospel: *Luke 1:26-38***Wednesday, March 26**Reading I: *Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 OR Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9*Reading II: *Hebrews 10:4-10*Responsorial: *Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20*Gospel: *Matthew 5:17-19 OR John 4:5-42***Thursday, March 27**Reading I: *Jeremiah 7:23-28 OR Exodus 17:1-7*Responsorial: *Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9*Gospel: *Luke 11:14-23 OR John 4:5-42***Friday, March 28**Reading I: *Hosea 14:2-10 OR Exodus 17:1-7*Responsorial: *Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17*Gospel: *Mark 12:28-34 OR John 4:5-42***Saturday, March 29**Reading I: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20*Responsorial: *Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12*Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32***Stewardship of Treasure**

Offertory	\$ 4,995.00
Pilgrimage 2025	\$ 95.00
Haitian Sr. Parish	\$ 471.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 25.00
BAAM	\$ 20.00
Charitable Fund	\$ 13.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses	\$ 5,855.00

*Thank you for your generosity!***Mass Intentions****Saturday, 3/22****5:00 PM***Intentions: Repose of the soul of JoAnn Burgett Walton***Sunday, 3/23****8:00 AM***Intentions: For the successful recovery of Tom Gill***10:30 AM***Intentions: For Holy Name Parishioners***12:00 PM***Intentions: For Peace in our World***Monday, 3/24****8:00 AM****Communion Service****Tuesday, 3/25****12:00 PM***Intentions: Repose of the soul of Katherine K. Harris***Wednesday, 3/26****8:00 AM***Intentions: For recovering addicts***Thursday, 3/27****12:00 PM***Intentions: For sick parishioners***Friday, 3/28****8:00 AM***Intentions: Repose of the soul of Anniece Tisdale***Sacraments****Baptism**

Parents & Godparents are required to attend the Baptism class. Parents of the child and persons requesting letters to be godparents ***must be parishioners for at least six (6) months prior to the baptism.*** 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 4:15pm 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 enrolling 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 prior to the date of the marriage*** Contact the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the date of the marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone may request this sacrament for any health issues. If you anticipate surgery or a stay in the hospital, request the sacrament prior to the surgery or hospital stay.

PRAYER LIST

Chris Mallon
Mike Potts
JoAnn Coffey
Barbara Corlew
Cheryl Tisdale
Roselyn Martin
Nakia Hines
Mary Jane Crockett-Green
Rodney Reiner
Sheila Scumaci
Thomas Larson
Phil Wick
Patricia Novotny
Earlene Johnson
Andrew Perricone

"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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Loyola Press

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner.

When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.



Anneice Tisdale-Celebration of Life Mass: Church of the Most Holy Name notes with sorrow the passing of beloved parishioner Anneice Tisdale on March 14. Services will take place March 27-28. See the insert in this bulletin for service details.

Lenten Stations of the Cross with Adoration & Benediction: Commonly prayed during Lent, Stations of the Cross recalls Jesus' journey to Calvary. Stations begin every Friday during Lent at 6pm. A meatless dinner will be served every Friday through April 11 at 5:15pm in the church auditorium.

Holy Name Easter Services Choir Rehearsal Schedule: Choir rehearsals for Easter Services are scheduled for **Saturdays, March 29, April 5, and April 12 at 10:00am-11:00am** in the church choir stand. If you have any questions see Tommy Habib after mass or contact the church office.

Holy Name 2025 Pilgrimage: Holy Name will be traveling to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Ave Maria Grotto **Saturday, March 29. All available spaces on the tour bus are now reserved!** Blue donation envelopes are available at the rear of the church, or donate online on our church website. Please see the flyer on the table at the rear of the church for pilgrimage details. The tour bus will leave the church at 7am SHARP!

Lenten Communal Penance Service: Penance is a sacrament that helps people reconcile with God and the Church. A Penance service is scheduled at Holy Name on **April 2 at 7pm.**

Need to Borrow a Missal? Our parish missals proved guidance necessary for the celebration of the Mass. If you would like to **borrow** a parish missal please contact the church office. Please do not remove the missals from the church.

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Offering Envelopes: Need an envelope for your offering? Offering envelopes are now located on the back of each pew with the missals and on the table in the rear of the church. Mass Intentions can be requested on our website under Mass & Sacraments or by using the **Mass Intention envelopes** also located in the rear of the church.

Pushpay Online Giving Coming Soon: We are excited to announce that our parish will soon begin using Pushpay, an online giving platform, as our new online giving resource for online donations. Details coming soon!

Step Up Campaign: The Step Up campaign initiative encourages donors to deepen their commitment to the church's mission & financial health. Please prayerfully examine your giving and consider "stepping up" to the next level to support the financial goals of our parish. We thank you for your generosity.

Bishops Annual Appeal for Ministries (BAAM): The 2025 BAAM fundraising goal for Holy Name is \$17,000 and will begin the weekend of **April 26-27**— Divine Mercy Sunday. The Diocese of Nashville's BAAM goal is \$3,650,000.

Parish Registration Forms: Welcome to Church of the Most Holy Name! New parishioner registration forms are located on the table at the rear of the church and on the church website. Registration with the parish is required for participating in programs such as CCD, and/or for those wanting to celebrate the sacraments.

*The Three Pillars of Lent:
Praying, Fasting, and Almsgiving*

2025 Religious Education



Confirmation & First Holy Communion: Confirmation is scheduled on Saturday, **May 10 at 10am** at the Catholic Pastoral Center. First Holy Communion will take place at Holy Name on Sunday, **May 11, during the 10:30am mass** followed by a reception in the church auditorium.

LENT 2025

3 Pillars of Lent: Praying, Fasting, and Almsgiving

- Pray for world peace, for the church, and for our priests
- Pray the rosary with your family
- Study scripture
- Fast on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday within the 40 days of Lent
- Attend Ash Wednesday services, weekday and Sunday masses, Penance Service, and go to confession
- Pray the Stations of the Cross, participate in Adoration & Benediction
- Give to the poor and perform other acts of charity

Penance Service is Wednesday, April 2 at 7pm.



HOME OR AWAY? Give Online!

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 or by using this QR Code.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Please join us on Wednesdays from 8:30am -10:30am, 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

Stay Connected with Flocknote!

Holy Name uses **Flocknote** to email and text parishioners concerning events and special announcements. Flocknote is a safe and confidential app. You do not have to set up an account or password. You can unsubscribe at any time. Signing up is easy and free. Simply text the letters "HN" to 84576 or you can visit Flocknote's sign-up at: www.flocknote.com/HolyNameCatholicChurch/5.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Estate Planning?

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



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. For additional information visit the parish website or contact the parish office at (615) 254-8847. Sign-up: formed.org/signup and enter Zip Code: "37206."

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