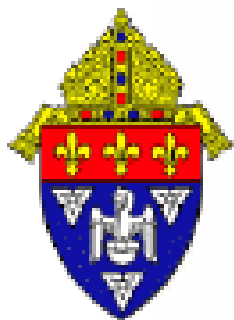


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President's Report

Happy New Year! As we begin this Jubilee Year of Hope as Members of the Holy Name Society it is incumbent on each of us to remember that the church dedicates January to the Holy Name of Jesus. This month provides an excellent opportunity for us to individually and collectively re-dedicate ourselves to our purpose of promoting reverence and devotion to the sacred names of God and Jesus, obedience to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification of our members. It also provides opportunities for recruiting new members through increased visibility of our society. We do this by simply reciting the Holy Name Pledge before mass, or with the Pastors permission lead the congregation in reciting the Divine Praises before or after mass. We can sponsor a coffee and donut social after mass to get acquainted with parishioners and issuing a personal invitation to a meeting, or to pray the radio rosary. As Holy Name members participating in this month-long devotion provides each of us an opportunity for spiritual growth. We can increase our prayer time by a few minutes praying the Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus every day, spend 15 minutes reading and meditating on the day's Gospel or scriptures, pray a novena, or simply spend a few minutes every day in solitude allowing Jesus to speak to our hearts. Let each of us take this month of the Holy Name of Jesus to jump start out Jubilee Year as we renew our spiritual lives, and commitment to the Holy Name Society to live a life dedicated to and to promote devotion and reverence to the Holy Names of God and Jesus.

Lester Thomas

President

New Orleans Archdiocese Union of Holy Name Societies

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ROSARY DRIVE



RADIO ROSARY 78th Anniversary

**ROSARY DRIVE ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT
BOB RAUCH AT 831-343488 OR
722-9422**

Deadline: March 31, 2025



"Dear children! Pray, pray, pray that peace may begin to reign in every heart and prevail over every evil and peacelessness. Thank you for having responded to my call."



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

All Holy Name Society members are encouraged to attend our monthly executive board meeting held on the third Tuesday of every month. Come and bring your ideas and be a part of our renewal plans and future success!

**Our next meeting is
January 21, 2025 at 12:00 pm.
at St. Clement of Rome
4317 Richland Ave. Metairie, La.**

COME JOIN US!!

The continued success of our society is greatly dependent on our members attending and supporting the decisions made at these meetings. Your attendance will help us to continue bringing new and innovative ideas to our members.

Our website address is

www.noauhns.org

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Please notice that the website includes an icon to make donations to the Holy Name Society and the Rosary Drive.

Website Highlights

9 day Novena to Blessed John of Vercelli

Video clip of the rededication of the Shrine of Blessed John of Vercelli at St. Dominic Church

Holy Name Society Monthly Newsletter

Holy Name Society Radio Rosary Schedule

Memorial list of deceased members and families

Scriptural Rosary Book order form (PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A PRICE INCREASE.)

Please take advantage of the many benefits of our website!

Please send in information on any activities taking place in your parish! This will make it possible to send it out to all of the other Holy Name Societies!
Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 or email me at anthonys2029@gmail.com

The National Holy Name Societies website address is NAHNS.COM

You can also like us on facebook! The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/hnsnola>

Anyone can go online to read the latest edition of the national newsletter.

Spiritual Goals for Every Month in 2025

When we think of the New Year, it's often about resolutions - eating healthier, exercising more, or picking up a new hobby.

While these goals are not bad, they can feel fleeting or superficial compared to the deeper renewal the Church invites us to embrace.

As Catholics, we have the gift of the liturgical calendar - a rhythm that offers countless opportunities to grow closer to God.

By tying our spiritual goals to the saints and feasts of the Church, we not only deepen our faith but also align ourselves with the wisdom of those who have walked the path of holiness before us.

Here's a month-by-month guide to spiritual growth in 2025, rooted in the Church's rich traditions and saints.

January: Embrace Humility

Feast Connection: The Epiphany (January 6)

The Magi knelt before Christ, offering Him gifts and worship. This act of humility is a model for us as we begin the year.

Goal: Pray the Litany of Humility weekly and reflect on ways pride may hinder your ability to serve God and others.

February: Practice Fasting and Generosity

Feast Connection: Ash Wednesday (March 5)

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday in March this year, but February offers an excellent opportunity to prepare your heart for the upcoming season of penance.

Goal: Begin incorporating small sacrifices into your daily life as a prelude to Lent. Give up comforts like sweets, coffee, or excess screen time and redirect the time or resources saved to help someone in need. Use February to cultivate a spirit of generosity and mindfulness as you prepare for the journey of Lent.

March: Cultivate Courage

Feast Connection: Saint Joseph (March 19)

Saint Joseph's quiet strength and trust in God are examples of courage in the face of uncertainty.

Goal: Take one bold step in faith, whether it's speaking up for your beliefs or stepping out of your comfort zone to serve others.

April: Renew Your Prayer Life

Feast Connection: Easter Sunday (April 20)

The joy of the Resurrection calls us to deepen our connection with the risen Christ.

Goal: Dedicate 15 minutes each day to silent prayer or Scripture reflection, focusing on the hope and new life Christ offers.

May: Deepen Marian Devotion

Feast Connection: Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)

Mary's "yes" to God invites us to trust in His plans and draw closer to Him through her intercession.

Goal: Pray the Rosary daily or meditate on the mysteries of Mary's life and her role in salvation history.

June: Serve with Joy

Feast Connection: Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 27)

The Sacred Heart reminds us of Christ's boundless love and calls us to reflect that love in our own lives.

Goal: Perform one act of kindness each day, offering it as a prayer for someone in need.

July: Rediscover Freedom in Christ

Feast Connection: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (July 14)

True freedom comes from living in God's grace.

Goal: Identify one attachment that holds you back spiritually and take steps to surrender it to God.

August: Embrace Sacrificial Love

Feast Connection: Assumption of Mary (August 15)

Mary's life was marked by her willingness to give everything to God.

Goal: Volunteer your time to a parish ministry or local charity, offering your service as a gift to God.

September: Seek Spiritual Wisdom

Feast Connection: Saint Jerome (September 30)

Saint Jerome's love of Scripture inspires us to delve deeper into God's Word.

Goal: Start a Bible study or read a spiritual classic, like "The Confessions of St. Augustine."

October: Be a Witness to Faith

Feast Connection: Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4)

Saint Francis challenges us to live the Gospel boldly through our actions.

Goal: Share your faith with someone - whether by inviting them to Mass or offering a listening ear to someone seeking God.

November: Pray for the Dead

Feast Connection: All Souls Day (November 2)

November reminds us of the communion of saints and our responsibility to pray for the souls in purgatory.

Goal: Visit a cemetery to pray for the deceased or offer a Mass intention for a loved one.

December: Prepare for Christ's Coming

Feast Connection: Advent and Christmas

Advent invites us to slow down and make room for Christ amid the busyness of the season.

Goal: Spend one evening each week in silent prayer or Eucharistic Adoration, reflecting on the Incarnation's **profound mystery**.

The New Year offers a chance to align your resolutions with God's purpose for your life. By setting spiritual goals rooted in the saints and feasts of the Church, you can make this year one of intentional growth in faith.

These months are not just days on a calendar - they are sacred opportunities to encounter Christ and let Him transform your heart



**HOLY NAME NEWSLETTER
ADS AND MEMORIALS**

**IF YOU WISH TO PLACE AN AD PLEASE EMAIL YOUR
AD COPY TO ANTHONYS2029@GMAIL.COM**

The cost for and ad is used to defer the administrative cost to publish the newsletter. **We would appreciate it if those parishes that haven't taken an ad please speak to your members about taking out and ad.** We have lowered the cost to make it possible for more parishes to afford to take an ad and support our efforts. Please contact Anthony Smith at 481-3407 about renewing your ad if you haven't done so already. Thanks to those parishes that have supported us.

Yearly ads: 3 ½" X 2" \$ 5.00
 4 ½" X 3" \$15.00
 5 ½" X 4" \$25.00

Memorials—\$ 5.00/per year

If you have a loved one that you would like to add to our memorial or obituary page please email the information to:

anthonys2029@gmail.com

Ad renewals are now due. Please forward your check to P.O. Box 6644 Metairie, La. 70096

If any updates need to be made on your ad please contact us at 481-3407



WVOG – 107.9 FM LIVE RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST
Due to reception issues on 600 AM please tune into
107.9 FM to listen to the live broadcast.

**The 2025 Radio Rosary schedule is posted on the HNS
website and mailed to all parish representative.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The radio station informed us that going through the
internet would give us a much clearer transmission.

If you have any questions please call Anthony Smith at 504-481-3407.



**N.O. Holy Name Society
Archdiocesan Union**



Dear Holy Name members

On May 13, 1917 the Blessed Mother appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta at Fatima.

The Blessed Mother appeared to them a total of 6 times and on each occasion, she repeatedly told them to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world.

There is no greater time to honor the Blessed Mother's request than NOW due to the unrest in our world! The Holy Name Society of New Orleans in 1946, at the request of Archbishop Rummel, began the live broadcast of the Rosary to honor the request of our Blessed Mother at Fatima.

The Holy Name Society has successfully prayed and sponsored the live radio Rosary broadcast for 78 years, through the generous contributions of society members and various other contributors through our radio Rosary drive.

In each of the last five years our contributions have dropped to the point that this past year we didn't raise enough to cover the cost to WVOG to broadcast the Rosary.

We are asking all of our societies to speak to your Pastors and your members regarding the seriousness of this situation and to help us to increase our contributions and to promote the radio Rosary drive. Let's all join together to save the radio Rosary broadcast and the request of Our Lady of Fatima.

This is our mission! Let's not fail!

Lester Thomas
Archdiocesan Holy Name Society President

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL INTENTION PRAYER LIST

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In Loving Memory Of

Patricia Smith
Amelia Kandalaft
Lee Le Blanc
Georgia Le Blanc
Audrey Ledet
Vicky Ledet
Rudy Ledet
Jerry Hymel
Conchetta & Peter Seleci
Vincent Seleci
Gasper Seleci
Theresa & Douglas Haskins
“In Memory of Our Deceased HNS Members –
Our Lady of the Rosary Church”
Ignace Tanner
Vergel Duplessis
Ben Raphael
Aaron Gilyard
Archbishop Philip Hannan
Rev. John Bendix S. D. Past Spiritual Director
Rev. Reginald Masterson - Past Spiritual Director
Rev. Victor Brown—Past Spiritual Director
Msgr. Lawrence Earl Gauthreaux— Past Spiritual
Director
Luke Cuccia
Evelyn Cuccia
Kevin Cuccia
Anthony V. Cuccia
Joy Ledet
Jean Darnall
Richard Hoffman
Donald Mossy
Frank Connelly
Carroll Le Blanc
Carol Le Blanc
Joyce Kurtich
John Calico
Joseph Warr
Rhodes Family
DiFranco Family
Hope Vignes

Lucille Zitzmann
Lois Zitzmann
Henry Dupaquier
Roy Phelps, Sr.
Clifton Meaux
Joyce Gautreaux
Tom Norton
Bonnie Schlotterer
William Mc Clain
Jules Albert
Feltus Sterling
Amadee Garibaldi, Sr.
Calvin Herbert, Sr.
Gilmore Alexander, III
Osborne Picou, Sr.
Wayne M. Preyan, Sr.
Ophelia Knox
Harry LeBlanc
Tom Norton

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Holy Name Society Parish Reports

St. Christopher - They had 10 members that attended their monthly meeting and 8 members that attended their radio Rosary.

Christ the King - They had 19 members that attended their monthly meeting and annual Christmas party and 15 members that attended their radio Rosary.

St. Benilde - They had 20 members that attended their radio Rosary.

St. Maria Goretti - They had 28 members that attended their monthly meeting and 10 members that attended their radio Rosary and they installed 3 new members.

St. Clement - They had 10 members that attended their radio Rosary.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - They had 9 members that attended their monthly meeting and 4 members that attended their radio Rosary. They also assisted in decorating for Christmas.

Most Holy Trinity - They had 11 members that attended their radio Rosary. They had 10 members that attended their monthly mass and 13 attended their meeting. They have 3 new members.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Kenner, La.

IN MEMORIUM

**MSGR. ROBERT GUSTE
FRANCIS WARREN
CHARLES BALLARD
JAY K. DAVIS
JUDGE EDWARD STOULIG
HENRY RENZ, JR.
EDDIE ORTIZ
GEORGE "RED" BENEFIEL
MERLIN R. ROMIG
RICHARD J. ACHEE
LEO SANCHEZ**

**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

River Ridge, La.

ESTABLISHED 1959

Father Joseph Tran, Pastor

**IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY
AND IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME**

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us

**St. Benilde Holy Name Society
Metairie, La.**

**Rev. Matthew Johnston, Pastor
Founded March 8, 1970**

**49 Years of service to the Radio Rosary
And to the honor of His Sacred Name**

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for us



**St. Christopher's Holy Name Society
Chartered 1950**

At the Name of Jesus, every knee must
bend in heaven, on earth and below the
earth.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
New Orleans, LA

ESTABLISHED 1907

Rev. Philip G. Landry, Pastor

IN HONOR OF HIS SACRED NAME AND
IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO ROSARY
ALSO IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED
MEMBERS

Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for Us

**CHRIST THE KING
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

In support of the Holy Name Society
Radio Rosary

Anthony Smith – President
Gary Schlotterer – 1st Vice President
Joe Boullosa – 2nd Vice President
Malcolm Ledet – Tres.
Dianna Lehmann – Secy.
Frank Fradella - Marshall

**BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI
PRAY FOR US!**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT/
ST. JOAN OF ARC
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Let us open our eyes and our ears to His
presence through the Holy Rosary

Holy is the Name of Jesus now and
forever more.