

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Happy Easter



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Mrs. Shon Hubble, MM, Music Ministry

MASSES:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION IS OUR FAITH

*"You, however, are a
chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy
nation, a people He
claims for His Own
to proclaim the
glorious works.
(1 Peter 2:9)*

Liturgical Calendar, Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord: Acts 10:34a, 37-43;

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Cf 1 Cor 5:7b-8a; John 20:1-9

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Ashley Johnson (SI)
By: A. Johnson

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Eva Macakova (SI)
By: E. Macakova

Monday, April 1: Monday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Psalms 118:24; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2: Tuesday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 2:36-41; Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Psalms 118:24; John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3: Wednesday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 3:1-10; Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 118:24; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4: Thursday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 3:11-26; Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 118:24; Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 5: Friday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 4:1-12; Psalms 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Psalms 118:24; John 21:10-14

Saturday, April 6: Saturday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 4:13-21; Psalms 118:1 and 14-14ab, 16-18, 19-21; Psalms 118:24; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 7: Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy: Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:29; John 20:19-31

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Family of Parishes (SI)
By: SJCC
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Requesting a Mass Intention: You may request a mass intention for a loved one or to commemorate an important occasion. A \$5 donation is offered along with the Mass intention request. To request a Mass, please call or stop by the parish office, or you may complete an envelope with your request and drop it in the collection box. A Mass intention is a lovely way to honor a friend, family member or an important event in one's life.

Check
out these
podcasts



The National Black Catholic Congress offers several podcasts on its website.

**Your Questions Answered
Ask Father Josh**

Each week Father Josh answers questions submitted by listeners about life, faith, morality and relationships

**For the Voices Unheard
The Gloria Purvis
Podcast**

Discover opinions, stories and experiences of individuals who have been marginalized in the Catholic Church and in society.



Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do".

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? As a volunteer with SVDP, you can help others in a way that will fit into your busy life. Vincentians are volunteers who are people just like you from all walks of life -- those who want to help their community by giving their talent for the greater good. Gwen Dukes is SVDP president. Contact Linda Knight, 513-344-3907 for more information.

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

Details Do Matter



Happy Easter
and Alleluia

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

As you know, I begin my column each week with this salutation: "My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord" to commemorate the most important day of the Church's calendar year: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Like many others, I carry this day in my heart, as it is the culmination of all I believe in and treasure. I love reading and hearing about its every detail -- from Mary Magdalene arriving in the dead of night to attend to Jesus' body, to Peter and the presumed John running at a frantic pace toward the tomb, to the specific way the way Jesus' burial clothes were found, to the atmosphere of confusion and worry among all, to the beautiful final verse: "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." These all-important details are intriguing and drive the magnitude of what occurred on this day over 2000 years ago. Jesus, our Lord, rose from the dead to save us from our sins and offer us eternal life. Through the darkness of his death to the light of his resurrection, we, in that moment, received the ultimate gift of his everlasting love to change our lives forever.

Easter is a time of celebration,
as we attend Mass, wear our Easter
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Liturgical Ministries for March 31 and April 7

If you cannot make your scheduled date, please arrange a sub in your place or call the church office at 513-381-4526. All ministers -- Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass, check at the Sacristy for attendance and any further instructions from the Pastor. Thank you.

attire, gather with family and friends, and hopefully reflect on what this day means to us. Easter is a time of remembrance, and many of us recall days gone by with fondness, when our loved ones, some still with us, some who have passed away or have passed through our lives, were present at some Easter event of the past. All these individuals might have been integral to our lives at that moment in time, and thus, we remember them with affection. However, we might ask ourselves if our remembrances about the Resurrection itself have resonated similarly? Do we focus more on the holiday or the holy day? It's an interesting question and one we might reflect upon as we celebrate Easter in the weeks ahead.

On Easter morning, alerted by the women, Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found it open and empty. Then they drew near and "bent down" in order to enter it. To enter into the mystery, we need to "bend down", to abase ourselves... The world proposes that we put ourselves forward at all costs, that we compete, that we prevail... But Christians, by the grace of Christ, dead and risen, are the seeds of another humanity, in which we seek to live in service to one another, not to be arrogant, but rather respectful and ready to help. This is not weakness, but true strength! Pope Francis, Easter 2015

Let us also celebrate on this blessed day exciting news for our parish family with "details" to follow in the weeks to come:

- The name of our S-12 parish family, Our Lady of Guadalupe, now approved by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
- The reopening of St. Joseph Catholic School
- The Pastoral Plan of the S-12 family of parishes

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Collections for March 24, 2024

Sunday collection	2295.00
myEoffering	170.00
Sunday Saints	200.00
Other	138.00
St. Vincent DePaul	23.00
Total	2826.00

Live Stream

Sunday Mass from our Website:
www.stjosephcincinnati.org
Every Sunday at 11 a.m. or watch the video at a later date.

Acolytes

March 31:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

April 7:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

March 31:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

April 7:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

March 31:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

April 7:

11 a.m.

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Eucharistic Ministers

March 31:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Reggie Lee, Gail Smith

April 7:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Gail Smith

Lectors

March 31:

9 a.m.

Dave Stein, Mary Roberson

11 a.m.

Janelle Walton, Mary Roberson

April 7:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Lee Wilson, Margo Aug

Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.

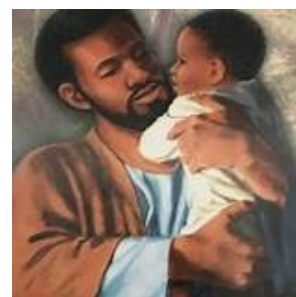
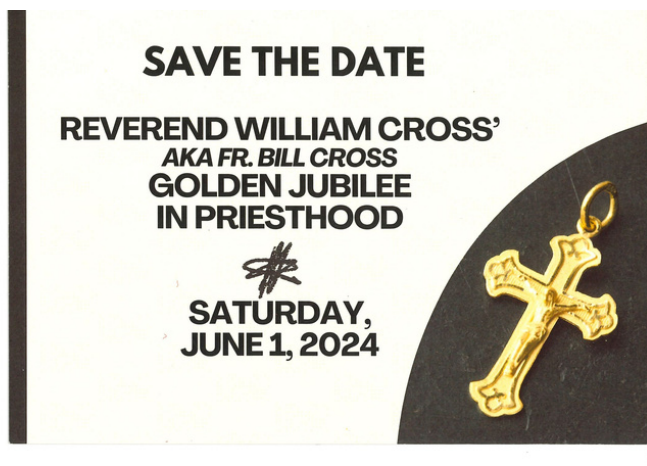
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11 a.m.

Head Usher: Robin Walker, Marilyn Tribble, Joyce Taylor, Bill Ware, Reggie Lee, Ronald Garvin, Robert Harris, James R. Roper Jr., Yolanda Roper, Larry Jerdo

If you have a special announcement to share, Please call the parish office or send your news to church@stjoseph.cincinnati.org

Parish/Community News



*March is dedicated
to St. Joseph*

Church staff

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- Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira-Hilaje, MCCJ, Pastor (aka Father Rudy)
- Rev. Gianluca Rosa, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar (aka Father Luca)
- Mr. Dennis Edwards, Deacon
- Mrs. Shon Hubble, Music Minister
- Ms. Mary Roberson, Business Manager (ext. 13)
- Mrs. Jean Brown, Receptionist (ext. 10)
- Ms. Lee Wilson, President of Parish Council
- Mrs. Gwen Dukes, President of St. Vincent dePaul
- Mrs. Vanessa Rozier, Grand Lady, Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary: 513-313-6900
- Mr. Reginald E. Lee, Grand Knight, Knights of Peter Claver, 513-652-7122
- SJCS Alumni Association: Mrs. Joan Smith Beason, 513-641-0763 or Mrs. Joyce Edwards, 513-281-0727

Continuing Education Courses

The Institute for Black Catholic Studies offers Continuing Education and Enrichment Courses. There is limited tuition assistance. Scholarship information and applications will be posted in early 2024 on the website.

The 2024 IBCS dates are June 30-July 19. The theme from Isaiah: 62:1 reflects the Institute's evangelizing mission - "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent...I will not keep quiet!"

For additional information, the website address is <https://www.xula.edu/ibcs/>.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, M.B.A., Director, Institute for Black Catholic Studies at kdbellow@xula.edu or IBCS Program Specialist Dana Lockett. Visit the IBCS website for more information: <https://www.xula.edu/ibcs/>

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this upcoming collection.

Bereavement Group

Plans are in the works for a Bereavement Support Group at Little Flower Parish. If you have lost a loved one and want to join the group, or want more information, please contact Anita Bechtold at 513-708-3318 or adelunab@fuse.net. Your loss is important to us, as the Body of Christ.

Listen to Sacred Heart Radio: Sacred Heart Radio brings you the most sought-after Catholic speakers and authors at any time: on the radio at 740 AM and 910 AM, or online at www.sacredheartradio.com. Listen live or scan our QR code for the free app to hear Sacred Heart Radio on your phone from anywhere.

Sacraments

Baptisms: If you have an infant to be baptized, please call our parish office or use church website,

www.stjosephcincinnati.org

Marriages: Schedule through church website

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one is in the hospital or expecting surgery, call the parish office or use church website

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):

Please call the parish office or check church website for more information

Hear Our Prayer



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illnesses, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverances, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Hospital/Nursing Home

Dysart, Richard: Covenant Village
Hurst, Rev. Paul: Bayley Place
Duffy, Rev. Patrick, Majestic Care of Fairfield
Richards, Kathy: Chamberlain Healthcare
Royston, Patty: Clovernook
Schafer, Sandy: Brookwood Retirement
Foster-Waller, Alberta: Mercy Health West Park
Hogue, Susie: Hillebrand Nursing & Rehab center
Brumfield, Bonnie, Mercy Health West Park
Lomax, Jennifer, Norwood Towers

Homebound/Sick; shut-ins

Blair, Diane
Hill, Hestella
Knight, Melda
Mason, Pam
Moye, Claudia
Randolph, Mary Ann

Prayer List

Byndon-White, Shirley
Checks, Newton
Ford, Walter
Heatherman, Christine
Irby, Frances
Jackson, Elizabeth
Knight, Linda
Menefield Family
Reed, Margaret

Prayer for Vocations

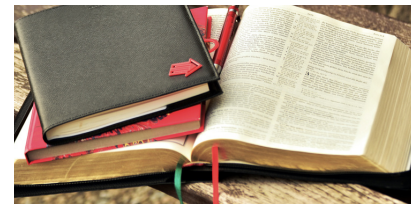
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husband and wives who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercessions of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Protection

St. Joseph, you are the faithful protector of and intercessor for all who love and venerate you. I have special confidence in you, for you are all-powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants.

I humbly invoke you and commend myself with all who are dear to me to your protection and intercession. Do not abandon me or them during life and assist me and them when we die.
Amen.



Zoom Bible Study Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

Be a part of our Mondays evenings -- all are welcome to join us. Zoom can be used on your computer, your tablet or even your smartphone.

To get logged in:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3386881613>. Meeting ID: 338 681 613. If only able to join by phone, call 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 338 681 613. (Please log in about 5-10 minutes ahead of time.)

My eOffering

Our electronic giving program is an easy way to send your offerings online. We are offering this service as a convenience, so you no longer have to write checks or remember to bring cash with you on Sunday. Simply log into myEOffering through the SJCC website www.stjosephcincinnati.org. Online giving has many benefits to our parish, especially during these difficult times. It is safe, secure and easy to manage.

Beacons of Light Information Sessions

Want to learn more about Beacons of Light and how this process will enable your parish to continue to fulfill the mission of the Church in the 21st century? Parish leaders - e.g. council and commission members, staff members, ministry leaders, et al. - are particularly invited to participate in a Beacons of Light Information Session to hear from archdiocesan leadership and ask questions. Sessions will be offered in each of the six deaneries with a few online options as well. Go to www.pathway.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions.

From the Archdiocese

Ember Days 2024: *Ember Days are run by seminarians for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This event is for high school boys to learn about prayer, discernment, seminary, and the priesthood. Ember Days 2024 are on Friday, June 7 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati and Saturday, June 8 at Sacred Heart in McCartyville. More information will soon be available at www.cincinnati vocations.org.*

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA): Nearly one in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental illness. On average 123 persons die each day by suicide. MHFA is an evidence based program that teaches participants to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This training gives the skills needed to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio will be offering Mental Health First Aid on Monday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at our office, 7162 Reading Rd., Cinti., OH 45237. If you would like to register or would like more information, email Mary Anne Bressler mbressler@ccswoh.org, Parish & Community Engagement Coordinator.

Workshop on Grief: On May 9, the Office for Consecrated life will host the annual IMAR (Intercongregational Ministry to Aging Religious) Workshop, featuring Sheila Munafa-Kanoza on the topic of grief. This workshop is for those who work with our aging religious, especially those serving in our 14 regional health care centers such as Mount Notre Dame, the Sisters of Charity and the St. Charles Senior Living Community, to name a few. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/IMARGrief> or contact Maria Reinagel at mreinagel@catholicaoc.org.

Wedding Anniversary Certificates: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years ... Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati web page at: <https://bit.ly/3IgyXfv>. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cnc@catholicaoc.org.

Are You Celebrating Your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024?: AMarried couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses: • Saturday, Sept. 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City. Celebrant: To be determined • Sunday, Sept. 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati. Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form linked here: <https://bit.ly/3IgyXfv>. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cnc@catholicaoc.org

Help Local Refugees: With a large influx of refugees coming to Cincinnati, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio Refugee Resettlement Services needs your help for the families we are receiving. We need donations of furniture and other household items (linens, dishes, pots and pans, etc.). Volunteers are greatly needed to pick up furniture and set up housing, as well as to serve as mentors for refugee youth. To find lists of needed items or to learn more about volunteering, visit www.ccswoh.org or call our office at 513-241-7745.

Project Rachel: A ministry of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. Individuals can engage in this ministry for healing through one-on-one conversation with peers, consultation with a priest (including in Spanish), support groups, retreats for mothers who lost a child, and a day of reflection for anyone (father, grandparent, friend, etc.). Go to <https://projectrachelohio.org/> or call the Project Rachel Help Line at 513-784-0531 for information.

Interested in the Catholic Faith: Do you want to know more about the Christian Catholic faith? Are you thirsting for a good refresher review on the Christian Catholic faith? If so, we invite you to sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you would like to join a group for this faith journey, baptized or not baptized, our series of weekly sessions will begin in the fall and run through spring. For more information, please contact Little Flower's Director of Faith Formation, Greg Niehaus at gniehaus@littleflower-church.org or at 513-541-5560 or 513-598-8880, or Deacon Dennis Edwards at defirst@aol.com or at 513-741-3070.

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