

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



745 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

Parish Phone: 513-381-4526

Fax: 513-381-5244

www.stjosephcincinnati.org

Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira-Hilaje, MCCJ, Pastor

Rev. Gianluca Rosa, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Dennis Edwards

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 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent Scrutiny Year A Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:25a, 26; John 11:1-45

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For Shirlene Menefield (AD)
By: Felicia Johnson
For: Sick and Shut-ins of the S-12 Family of Parishes (SI)
By: SJCC
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Marcella Hill (AD)
By: Shirley Robinson

Monday, March 18: Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ez 33:11; John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Psalms 84:5; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday, March 20: Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 8:15; John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21: Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalms 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 95:8; John 8:51-59

Friday, March 22: Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6:63c, 68c; John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23: Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent: Ez 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Ez 18:31; John 11:45-56; John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Mark 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Phil 2:8-9; Mk 14:--15:47

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Robert Barbender (SI)
By: Diane Barbender
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Wanda Cheatham (AD)
By: Father Rey Taylor

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 dePaul? 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.

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

March 17, 2024



A New Covenant

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

"The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. . . I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Jeremiah 31:31,33

We are nearing our final days before Holy Week, and today we consider the Gospel of John toward the end of Jesus's ministry, just prior to his passion and death on the cross and his resurrection three days later. This chapter and these verses fulfill the prophet Jeremiah's description of the new covenant God promised to his people in the Old Testament, as Jesus is mankind's savior and the promise of eternal salvation. As Christians, we know it is through Jesus's death and resurrection, this new covenant was established, and through our own discipleship, we step out of the darkness to the sustaining, eternal light. This is why God sent his only Son to us. And this is how our lives may be transformed through him.

John's Gospel today describes this new covenant in metaphorical terms: the seed and the fruit it produces is the glory Jesus attains through his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, and it is the glory we can attain through our faith -- the mystery of Christ. Yes, a seed will remain just a seed

(Continued on next page)

– isolated within itself, unless it is planted and allowed to become what it is destined to be—a gorgeous piece of fruit that will satiate one’s hunger and thirst and feed one’s life. In this regard, if we cannot break out of ourselves and be planted in others’ lives in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, we cannot be truly alive. It is a subtle but expansive thought.

We tend to cling to the world and stay within a shell of ourselves, and we look to the world for power, self-interest, fame, financial gain, etc., but in the end, these things cannot satisfy our hungry hearts. They are a dead end. Only through Jesus there is a path to an abundant and eternal life.

Therefore, as Jesus says to us today, “those who loves his life loses it, and who hated his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” To gain heaven we must reject our small and detached existence and bloom in him.

“And what does losing life mean? That is, what does it mean to be the grain of wheat? It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to ‘see’ and to meet the needs of our neighbours, especially the least of them. To joyfully carry out works of charity towards those who suffer in body and spirit is the most authentic way of living the Gospel. It is the necessary foundation upon which our communities can grow in reciprocal fraternity and welcome. I want to see Jesus, but from within. Penetrate his wounds and contemplate that love in his heart for you, for you, for you, for me, for everyone.”

–Pope Francis, March 18, 2018

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Collections **March 10, 2024**

Sunday Collection	2174.86
Sunday Saints	580.00
Other	303.00
E-Offering	2105.20
Total	5163.06

Live Stream

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

Liturgical Ministries for March 17 and 24

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.

Acolytes

March 17:	
9 a.m.	Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
11 a.m.	Howard Tribble, Nate Powers
March 24:	
9 a.m.	Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
11 a.m.	Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

March 17:	
9 a.m.	Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m.	Gail Smith
March 24:	
9 a.m.	Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m.	Mike McCoy

Catechists

March 17:	
11 a.m.	Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton
March 24:	
11 a.m.	Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

March 17:	
9 a.m.	Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m.	Reggie Lee, Lester Freeman
March 24:	
9 a.m.	Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m.	Joyce Edwards, Gail Smith

Lectors

March 17:	
9 a.m.	George Kinley, Dave Stein
11 a.m.	Chris Nachtrab, Mary Partee
March 24	
9 a.m.	Barbara Wright, John Heatherman
11 a.m.	Bruce Seidel, Jan Seidel

Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.	Shirley Colbert, Willa Green, Stan Carloss, Thomas Penland
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

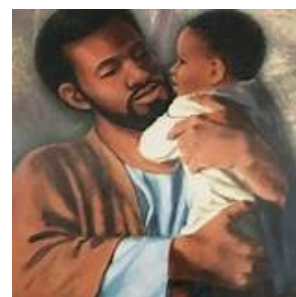
If you have a special announcement to share, please call the Parish Office or send your news to church@stjosephcincinnati.org

Parish/Community News

Mary's Way of the Cross

The Way of Cross will be done each Sunday during Lent at 10:30 a.m. on March 17th at St. Joseph Church.

Prayers for mothers will be said for who have lost children to gun violence. It will be led by Vincentians of St. Vincent de Paul Society, and St. Joseph Conference.



**March is dedicated
to St. Joseph**

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Boniface School Cafeteria 4305 Pitts Street - Northside
Parking behind school - enter from Chase or Howland
Fridays March 22nd and will be held 5 to 7 p.m.

Menu consists of baked or fried fish, shrimp, cheese pizza.
Adult Dinners are \$12 which includes fish, coleslaw, 2 sides, a
drink and dessert. Kids Dinners (10 and younger) are \$7.

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.

Share What You Can Drive

The St. Joseph Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting items throughout Lent for the Share What You Can drive. All donated items will be used to keep the shelves stocked at the network of St. Vincent de Paul food pantries. See the schedule below of the items to bring with you to donate. Next Sunday, March 24th we will be collecting canned goods.

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.

Church staff

Please call the parish office
at 513-381-4526

Fax number: 513-381-5244

Email: church@stjosephcincinnati.org

- 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

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

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

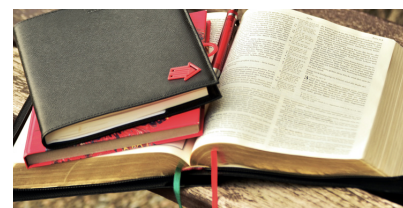
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your 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.*

The National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis: Join thousands of fellow disciples from across the U.S. and beyond for the event which will include prayer, workshops, concerts, and more. The National Congress is a centerpiece of the multi-year Eucharistic Revival initiated and led by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Groups or individuals may register for the entire event or for just a day. For more information, go to <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

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?: Married 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

Career Opportunities at Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio: Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio continues to grow and serve more people in our community. If you or someone you know is seeking a career change, keep an eye on our career page at www.ccswoh.org/careers2.

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.

HEARTBEATS
For Life



APRIL 20, 2024

**Raffle
Food
Live Music
Kids Dash!**



Let's keep hearts beating in Ohio!

HEARTBEATS FOR LIFE

5K Run/Walk

Saturday Morning, April 20, 2024

Lunken Airport Playfield

Registration Opens at 8 a.m. Race Starts at 10 a.m.

runsignup.com/heartbeatsforlife5k

Benefiting the work of Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.

Race Director - Ben Groh, Cincy Race Event Director - Adam Schad

