

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 3: Third Sunday of Lent; Scrutiny Year A Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; Cf John 4:42, 15; John 4:5-42

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Cathy Burgin (SI)
By: Mary Roberson
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Juanita Robinson (AB)
By: Shirley Robinson
For: Nellie Spalding (AB)
By: Pat Spalding

Monday, March 4: Monday of the Third Week of Lent: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Psalms 42:2, 3:43:3, 4; Psalms 130:5, 7; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5: Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Psalms 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Jl 2:12-13; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6: Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; John 6:63c, 68c; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7: Thursday of the Third Week of Lent: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Jl 2:12-13; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 8: Friday of the Third Week of Lent: Hos 14:2-10; Psalms 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Matthew 4:17; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9: Saturday of the Third Week of Lent: Hos 6:1-6; Psalms 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Psalms 95:8; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:16; John 3:14-21

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Ruby Corinne Danley (D)
By: Lee and Lynda Danley
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: George Freeman (D)
By: Mary Partee

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.

Third Sunday
of Lent

March 3, 2024



Jesus is Our Temple

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

Good storytellers employ an important literary device in their work called climax to artfully define the main conflict in a plot's narrative and to set up its resolution. The work "climax" originates from the Greek word, "klimax," which means ladder. And as one reads, hears, or watches a story evolve, the journey and its meaning become fully expressed. Typically, writers place the climax (or ladder) ninety percent of the way through the story, but sometimes they begin the tale with an explosive event to trick or conceal the true essence of the storyline. It is a clever, dramatic, and effective maneuver because it just might help us to remember and take the story to heart.

It is the Third Sunday of Lent, and in today's Gospel, John presents the story of Jesus who enters the temple at Jerusalem at Passover time, and immediately, is overcome with emotion by the scene, and thus, reacts in an uncharacteristic manner. With the zeal of a son who is seeing his Father's house being dishonored, he forcefully drives out the animals, merchants and moneychangers who are corrupting the courtyard of the holy temple, the focal point of praise, worship, and sacrifice for God's people. Jesus' outrage over the haggling of
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wares and the changing of money was startling, yes, but his intention was purposeful. This beginning scene is not the climax of this Gospel; rather it allows the story and the revelation of Jesus' authority and divinity to progress along a different path. The temple was always considered the summit of faith and reverence in the Jewish community, but now, with his passion, death and resurrection, the temple was being rebuilt and connected to the body of Jesus Christ. He, in this paschal mystery, unites heaven and earth in an exodus from sin and death.

By disrupting the normal practices during Passover, Jesus powerfully alerted the Jewish community, and the religious authorities in particular, he was not just a mere pilgrim visiting the temple. His unusual response to the questions posed to him, when he is asked to validate his authority to act in God's name with signs and wonders, provided climax for us all. "Destroy the temple and in three days I will raise it up" is a climactic moment in time that articulates the reestablishment and reorder of God's presence in the world through his dear, begotten son. His passion, death, and resurrection in this three-day period, which we anticipate during this Lenten season, reaffirm his impact on the world and to each of us. Let us rededicate our lives to strengthen our relationship with Our Lord and Savior during this holy season of Lent. And... let us choose Him to be the climax of our lives!

Jesus' behavior recounted in today's Gospel passage exhort us to live our life not in search of our own advantage and interests but for the glory of God who is love... [Help] us to reject the danger of also making our soul, which is God's dwelling place, a house of trade, by living in constant search of our personal interests instead of generous and supportive love.

—Pope Francis, 2018

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Collections **Feb. 25, 2024**

Sunday Collection	1543.00
Sunday Saints	200.00
Other	107.00
St. Vincent dePaul	10.00
Total	1860.00

Live Stream

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

Liturgical Ministries for March 3 and 10

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 3:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

March 10:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers, Layla Walton

Announcers

March 3:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

March 10:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

March 3:

11 a.m.

Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Gayle Burton, Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton and Michael Townsend

March 10:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

March 3:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Gail Smith, Bill Jefferson

March 10:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Joyce Edwards, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

March 3:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Robert Sanker, Janelle Walton

March 10

9 a.m.

Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright

11 a.m.

Pam Dyle, Bill Jefferson

Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.

Shirley Colbert, Willa Green, Stan Carlross, 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

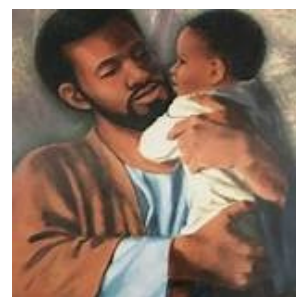
Parish/Community News

Mary's Way of the Cross

The Way of Cross will be done each each Sunday during Lent at 10:30 a.m. on March 3rd, 10th and 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 8th, 15th and 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.



Senior Bingo

Senior Bingo will be held Sunday, March 10 after 11 a.m Mass. Calling all to Senior Bingo to have a little fun, a good meal and enjoy the company of other seniors. Please call the parish office with questions.

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 10th we will be collecting household cleaning products, disinfectant wipes.

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

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- 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

Cheeks, Newton
Ford, Walter
Green, Christopher
Hill, Hestella
Irby, Frances
Jackson, Elizabeth
Knight, Linda
McCoy, Michael & Edna
Menefield Family
Metzler, Mary
Richards, Rachel SR

Prayer for Vocations

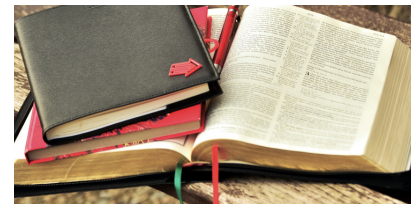
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your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

Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Children: Are you caring for a child with special health or behavioral needs? As a parent or grandparent, do you feel overwhelmed and overextended? Learn how to get out of crisis mode and begin managing caregiving from an empowered place. Powerful Tools for Caregivers self-care class sessions are starting in January. Classes meet for six sessions and are limited to 15 caregivers per class. Classes take place Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center, 4600 Eric Ave, 45227. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement and support, or would like to register for one of our programs, please tell them about our Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoele at 513-672-3834 or visit our website at <https://ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/> for our program calendar. The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Adults: Are you caring for an adult with a chronic condition? As a spouse, parent, sibling or adult child, do you feel overwhelmed and overextended? Learn how to get out of crisis mode and begin managing caregiving from an empowered place. Powerful Tools for Caregivers self-care class sessions meet for six sessions and are limited to 15 caregivers per class. Check out these sessions:

- Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m. at Green Township Senior Center, 3620 Epley Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45247
- Fridays from 9:30-11 a.m. at UC West Chester Physicians Office South, 7675 Wellness Way, West Chester, OH 45069
- Mondays from 2-3:30 p.m. at Ohio Living Mt. Pleasant, 225 Britton Ln., Monroe, OH 45050

If you know of a caregiver who needs support, or would like to register for one of our programs, tell them about the Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoele at 513-672-3834 or visit our website at <https://ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/> for our program calendar.

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. All conversations and emails are confidential. Next retreat: March 8-10, 2024.

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.



2024 Holy Week
*Come Worship
with Us*

All are Welcome

Palm Sunday, March 24th 9 AM & 11 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28th 6:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Foot Washing

Good Friday, March 29th 12:30 PM

The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30th 8:45 PM

Easter Vigil with Reception into Full Communion

Resurrection Sunday, March 31st 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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