

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 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

Monday, March 25: Monday of Holy Week: Is 42:1-7; Psalms 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26: Tuesday of Holy Week: Is 49:1-6; Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38; Psalms 84:5; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday, March 27: Wednesday of Holy Week: Is 50:4-9a; Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday -- Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalms 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Is 61:1; Luke 4:16-21

Friday, March 29: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: Is 52:13--53:12; Psalms 131:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 16, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16:5; 7-9; Phil 2:8-9

Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday: Gen 1:1-2::2; Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Psalms 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18; Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15--15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4; ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd; Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7

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 Mae Akova (SI)
By: E. Macakova

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.

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



The Cross of Wood

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, as we journey alongside Jesus as he enters Jerusalem amid cheers and adoration. This pivotal moment, captured in our processional reading, is the essence of Christ's ministry as well as the paradox of his kingship for his followers here on earth. Jesus is greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!" Yet, woven into this scene of jubilation is the foreshadowing of Jesus's impending passion and crucifixion. It serves as a poignant reminder of the transient nature of human acclaim and the depth of Christ's sacrificial love. Palm Sunday asks us to reflect on the humility of our Savior, who willingly embraced suffering for the salvation of humanity. He chose not a throne of gold, but a cross of wood. And his journey from his triumphal entry to crucifixion demonstrates the self-emptying love that we must try to emulate as his disciples. Today, in Mark's Gospel, we encounter Judas's betrayal, the agony of Gethsemane, and the trial before Pilate. Each of these scenes unveils the depth of Jesus's obedience to his Father's will and his unwavering commitment to the salvation of mankind. In the face of these horrific moments, Jesus remained steadfast in his courage and willingly accepted his fate.

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The arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane captures Jesus's human vulnerability; in his anguished prayer, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will. . . ." Judas's betrayal is a stinging reminder of greed and ambition, yet Jesus responds with compassion and forgiveness. The trial before Pilate unfolds with stark irony as this innocent stands before earthly authority, accused of blasphemy and sedition. Pilate, ultimately succumbs to the demands of the crowd, condemning Jesus to death. In this moment, we confront the harsh realities of injustice and the cost of discipleship. The climax of Mark's narrative is Jesus's crucifixion, a scene of profound suffering and redemption. As Jesus hangs upon the cross, abandoned by his disciples and scorned by onlookers, his abuse reaches its climax in his humiliation and suffering, from passersby, priests, and scribes, and even from the corrupt men crucified with him. Yet in this shocking ordeal, Jesus conquers sin and death, offering salvation to all who believe in him.

As we commemorate Palm Sunday, let us embrace the humility and strength of purpose of Jesus Christ, who endured suffering and death for our sake. May we follow in his footsteps, bearing our own crosses with courage and faith. And may the palms we wave serve as symbols of our commitment to walk the path of discipleship, trusting in the promise of resurrection and eternal life. *"He had not come to our earth to share his crowns with us, but to shoulder his Cross for us. And now, once again, in his Mystical Body, the Church, he lays his beautiful hands—the strong hands of the carpenter, hands familiar with the feel of wood—upon the precious wood of the Cross of Calvary."*
—Rev. George Berwanger, *Hear His Voice*

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Liturgical Ministries for March 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 24:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

March 24:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

March 24:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

March 24:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Joyce Edwards, Gail Smith

Lectors

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 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

Liturgical ministers schedule for March 31 is TBD

**Collections for March 17, 2024
are unavailable**

Live Stream

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

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

Parish/Community News

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.

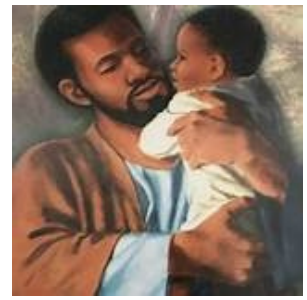
Share What You Can Drive

Dear God, we are so grateful for all that you have given us through the Share What You Can Drive. Thank you for the roof over our head, the food on our table and the love in our hearts. That love encouraged us to give food, personal care products and household goods to share with our neighbors. May our neighbors know that all these gifts are truly from God. Amen.

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.



***March is dedicated
to St. Joseph***

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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
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

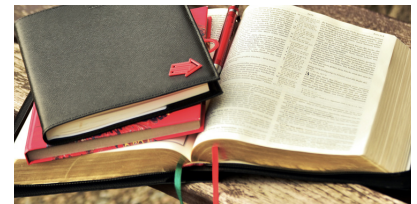
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your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

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 Munafo-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 dfirst@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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