

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, April 14: Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 John 2:1-5a; cf Luke 24:32; Luke 24:35-48

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: All St. Vincent DePaul volunteers of Our Lady of Guadalupe Family of Parishes (SI)
By: SJCC
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: All St. Vincent DePaul volunteers of Our Lady of Guadalupe Family of Parishes (SI)
By: SJCC

Monday, April 15: Monday of the Third Week of Easter: Acts 6:8-15; Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Matthew 4:4b; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16: Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter: Acts 7:51-8:1a Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:35ab; John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 17: Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6:40; John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 18: Thursday of the Third Week of Easter: Acts 8:26-40; Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:51; John 6:44-51

Friday, April 19: Friday of the Third Week of Easter: Acts 9:1-20; Psalms 117:1bc, 2; John 6:56; John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 20: Saturday of the Third Week of Easter: Acts 9:31-42; Psalms 116:12-13; 14-15, 16-17; John 6:63c, 68c; John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:8-12; , 17-19; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:14; John 10:11-18

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Robert C. Driscoll (SI)
By: Alfred Brown
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Roger Brabender (SI)
By: Barbara Brabender

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 Easter
April 14, 2024



Resurrection of Life

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

We seem to live in a world of opinion-based solutions, quick fixes, and egocentrism, so we tend to look at things through a lens of our own making. We may ask ourselves in moments of stress or hesitation: what is real, what is fiction, and what should I hold onto? Our lives are often grounded in disarray and untenable time constraints, and we appreciate those things that are concrete and stable. We claim, however, to be a people who "walk by faith and not by sight," but in stressful times, we often do not take the road less traveled, less worldly, to find our peace. We cannot see the light ahead, even though its glimmer beckons us forth. . . We roll the dice and take a path we think will give us what we need, what others might do, or what has temporarily sustained us before.

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter, and we are presented with a Gospel that many consider a masterpiece within a masterpiece. It is an excerpt from Luke 24 that describes Jesus after meeting two disciples on the road to Emmaus and appearing to his apostles, all together, for the first time. As the apostles learn about the disciples encountering Jesus on the road, he enters their midst, and they circle around him. It is a scene of great joy, astonishment, and perhaps

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Liturgical Ministries for April 14 and 21

fear, for he is now in front of them with these calming words: "Peace be with you." Imagine this startling scene and how these men must have reacted. In this heightened anxiety, is it any surprise their first thought would be he was an apparition – not real, not alive, a ghost?

Jesus's resurrection following his suffering and crucifixion was indeed real and the culmination of all that was promised by God throughout Hebrew Scripture. With compassion, mercy, and forgiveness for all he endured, Jesus presented himself as a living, breathing human being these men could touch, see, and recognize that everything had now been made good. In a very literal way, Jesus commissions these men, and truly all of us, to be his witness, to go forth and be like him, loving God, each other, and ourselves.

He has stated: "Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives" (John 14:27). We as his followers must believe he is the One who can transform lives for the greater good. It is with loving hearts we come to know this path, and if we become hesitant, we must ask him to guide us there. It is in his life, death, and resurrection all things are possible, and through his grace, we will find the ultimate peace and joy.

"Faith always needs to go back to Galilee, to reawaken its first love for Jesus and his call: to remember him, to turn back to him with all our mind and all our heart. . . Otherwise, ours is a 'museum' faith, not an Easter faith. Jesus is not a personage from the past; he is a person living today. We do not know him from history books; we encounter him in life. Today, let us remember how Jesus first called us, how he overcame our darkness, our resistance, our sins, and how he touched our hearts with his word."

—Pope Francis, *Easter Vigil Homily 2019*
Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Sunday collection for April 7, 2024

Sunday collection	7126.00
myEoffering	163.04
Sunday Saints	480.00
Other	16.00
St. Vincent DePaul	35.00
Total	7820.04.00

Live Stream

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

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

- April 14:**
9 a.m. Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
11 a.m. Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,
April 21
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11 a.m. Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

- April 14:**
9 a.m. Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m. Mike McCoy
April 21:
9 a.m. Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m. Deacon Dennis Edwards

Catechists

- April 14:**
11 a.m. Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Gayle Burton, Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton and Michael Townsend
April 21:
11 a.m. Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

- April 14:**
9 a.m. Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m. Mark Patel, Sharon Sanker
April 21:
9 a.m. Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m. Mike McCoy, Joyce Edwards

Lectors

- April 14**
9 a.m. Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright
11 a.m. Edna McCoy, Peggy Nachtrab
April 21:
9 a.m. Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright
11 a.m. Lester Freeman, Bruce 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

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

Parish/Community News

Rice bowl donations



Thank you for Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl donations. Your Lenten sacrifices help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition. Turn in your CRS Rice Bowl by Sunday, April 14. Leave the rice bowl at the usher's table.



Church staff

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at 513-381-4526
Fax number: 513-381-5244
Email: church@stjosephcincinnati.org

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's Love to our brothers and sisters in need.

This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sister, both here and around the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Senior Luncheon today

Senior Luncheon will be held today after 11 a.m. Mass at Saint Joseph Catholic Church at 745 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati.

Calling all to Senior Luncheon to have a little fun, a good meal and enjoy the company of other seniors. Please call the parish office with questions.

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.

- *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. 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 dfirst@aol.com or at 513-741-3070.