

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

# ***ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH***



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*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, April 28:** Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 9:26-31; Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:4a, 5b; John 15:1-8

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Robert C. Driscoll (SI)  
By: Anonymous  
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Daranee Teaphong (SI)  
By: Anonymous

**Monday, April 29:** Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church: Acts 14:5-18; Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:26; John 14:21-26

**Tuesday, April 30:** Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 14:19-28; Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24:46, 46, 26; John 14:27-31b

**Wednesday, May 1:** Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 15:1-6 Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:4a, 5b; John 15:1-8

**Thursday, May 2:** Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: Acts 15:7-21; Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 10:27; John 15:9-11

**Friday, May 3:** Feats of Saints Philip and James, Apostles: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5; John 14:6b, 9c; John 14:6-14

**Saturday, May 4:** Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 16:1-10; Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Col 3:1; John 15:18-21

**Sunday, May 5:** Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 14:23; John 15:9-17

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Family of Parishes (SI)  
By: SJCC  
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Eliza Julius (AB)  
By: Shirley Robinson  
For: Vanessa Walker (AD)  
By: Robin Walker

**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 Easter  
April 28, 2024



## Abide in Me

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord

Life is a series of connections, and as we pass through different phases of our life, we form bonds with other people that can be instrumental to our development as human beings. From the moment we open our eyes at birth, we see before us a woman's face who will abide with us and influence our days. A male figure, too, might be present that will hold us in his arms and breathe words of love into our tiny ears. Later, we will develop attachments with other family members who care for our needs and show us great love. As we branch out on our own, our world expands: the excitement of play dates with toddler friends; the camaraderie of grade school friendships; the attachment to high school and college peers; and the mutually beneficial bonds we develop through chosen careers, neighborhood friendships, volunteerism, and church and school connections of our family life. Finally, as we reach life's sunset, we may reside with peers in senior living arrangements where our connection involves shared memories of days gone by. All these relationships have merit as we travel together here on earth. However, they are human bonds only and cannot provide what are soul truly needs to grow and sustain itself eternally—only through Jesus Christ can our souls

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bear its beautiful fruit.

It is the Fifth Sunday of Easter and on this lovely day in Spring, we are connecting with the extraordinary Gospel of John, wherein Jesus explains in a discourse, part of his Last Supper Discourse, chapters 14-17, what he wants us to know, what is truly in his heart. In this passage, Jesus describes, with beautiful agrarian imagery, the living, breathing organism of his Church, rooted in love and service, that survives Him and brings his message of hope and salvation to all mankind. Jesus says to us, "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remain in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Hence, we are part of him; he is the vine of life and without him, our branches will wither and die. We can never produce fruit on our own without his impact, inspiration, life force, spirit, and guidance in all we do and whom we ultimately become.

In today's world, independence, self-reliance, and many other traits that promote our egoism are valued by society. However, according to Bishop Robert Barron, Jesus is the word made flesh and "the embodiment of the power by which God sustains the world... anything that exists came to be through him." We are not children of God who reside in a vacuum, relying only on ourselves for structure and order, or on other human bonds that will extend to us care and concern. The Lord is our light, salvation, and the sole guide to steer our journey. Toward him.

*He has called us to the superior vocation of being His children, of partaking of His nature, and of being related to Him as branches to a vine. Few of us completely want that elevation; it is our petty desire to have more, not to share the glory of being more.*

—Bishop Fulton Sheen  
Yours in Christ,  
Father Rudy

### Collection for April 21, 2024

Sunday collection	2403.00
myEoffering	133.04
Sunday Saints	200.00
Other	18.00
St. Vincent DePaul	110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2864.04</b>

### Live Stream

Sunday Mass from our Website:  
[www.stjosephcincinnati.org](http://www.stjosephcincinnati.org)  
Every Sunday at 11 a.m. or watch  
the video at a later date.

## Liturgical Ministries for April 28 and May 5

*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 28:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

#### May 5

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

### Announcers

#### April 28:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

#### May 5:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Janelle Walton

### Catechists

#### April 28:

11 a.m.

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

#### May 5

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### April 28:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy, Joyce Edwards

#### May 5:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Denise Stockstill

### Lectors

#### April 28

9 a.m.

Barbara Wright, John Heatherman

11 a.m.

Pam Franklin, Mark Patel

#### May 5:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Robert Sanker, Janelle Walton

### Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.

Shirley Colbert, Willa Green, Stan Carlross, Thomas Penland

11 a.m.

Head Usher: Robin Walker, Marilyn Tribble,  
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](mailto:church@stjosephcincinnati.org)

# Parish/Community News

## *Liturgy and Life*

Jesus draws on agrarian imagery throughout the Gospels. He imagines himself as the true vine in today's reading from John. God the Vine Grower prunes the branches so it bears fruit. Imagine walking through the Lord's vineyard, over-flowing with an abundance of fruit. This is the reality we should strive for, a reality where all have access to the nourishment of fresh foods. The vineyard imagery raises questions about food access. Which communities are struggling to access fresh food? What are the causes of these "food deserts"? Find out if there are food deserts in your county. Talk to your local co-op about ways to ensure all have access to fresh foods.



## **Church staff**

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at 513-381-4526

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Email: church@stjosephcincinnati.org

## ***Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Raffle***

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

13 Chances to Win!

1st Prize: \$3,000 CASH!

2nd Prize: \$2,000 CASH!

3rd Prize: \$1,000 CASH!

Ten 4th Prizes: \$150 CASH EACH!

DRAWING: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK - Omni Hotel

Winner need not be present

Donation ..... \$2.00

Please see a member Knight or Lady for tickets or information.

## ***Bible Quiz***

Bible Quiz is starting May 5th. Each week, parishioners will be asked a question based on the Old Testament of the New American Bible Revised. Submit your answer for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Each correct answer gives you a chance to win the gift card.

Winners will be drawn the first Sunday of each month starting June 2nd.

## ***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](http://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](http://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  
Rebeck, Joan, Twin Oaks Senior Living

## **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**

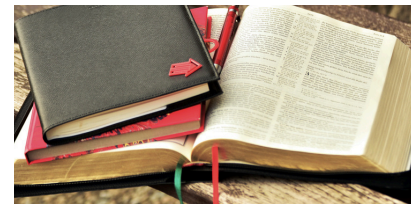
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:gniehaus@littleflower-church.org) or at 513-541-5560 or 513-598-8880, or Deacon Dennis Edwards at [defirst@aol.com](mailto:defirst@aol.com) or at 513-741-3070.

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**5th National Black Catholic  
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**Friday, July 26 - Sunday, July 28, 2024**

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**(2024 NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
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**MARRIOTT: 1-502-491-1184**

**ROOM RATE: \$163.54 (PER NIGHT—INCLUDES TAX)**

**COMPLIMENTARY PARKING AVAILABLE**

**Deadline for Hotel Reservation - July 4, 2024**

**REGISTRATION:**

**\$300 / NON-NBSC MEMBERS**

**\$250 / NBSC MEMBERS AND  
ASSOCIATES**

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