

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, July 21:** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jer 23:1-6; Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; John 10:27; Mark 6:30-34

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Laor Teapthong (SI)  
By: Anonymous  
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Eva Macakova (SI)  
By: Eva Mackova

**Monday, July 22:** Feast of Mary Magdalene: Sgs 3:1-4B; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; John 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday, July 23:** Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalms 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 14:23; Matthew 12:46-50;

**Wednesday, July 24:** Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Matthew 13:1-9

**Thursday, July 25:** Feast of Saint James, Apostle: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; John 15:16; Matthew 20:20-28

**Friday, July 26:** Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Luke 8:15; Matthew 13:18-23

**Saturday, July 27:** Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Week: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; James 1:21bc; Matthew 13:24-30

**Sunday, July 28:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:106; Luke 7:16; John 6:1-15

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Yanida Ashell Fernandes (SI)  
By: Anonymous  
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church For: Tammie Robinson (AB)  
By: Shirley Robinson

**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.



### Air Conditioner Distribution

Requests are being accepted now  
Visit [SVDPcincinnati.org/AC](http://SVDPcincinnati.org/AC) to complete a request.  
AC Eligibility:

- Live in Hamilton County
- Be 65 years old or older
- Have a medical need for an AC
- Have not received an AC from SVDP in 2020-2023

Completing a request does not guarantee assistance.  
Neighbors without internet access are welcome to use the Education Center within the Neyer Outreach Center  
1146 Bank Street to complete the request.  
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# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2024



## What Would Jesus Do?

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord

It is the middle of summer, and our leisurely activities seem to run the gamut from peaceful days sunning on the beach to listening to the neighbor's children playing, while snoozing in an outdoor hammock. Whatever your pleasure, summer is usually a time of rest, repast, and reflection. So, in the context of July when the living seems a little easier, what better moment to ponder today's Gospel of Mark, as Jesus and his apostles' attempt to relax and regroup from their long travels. Yes, just like in life, the best laid plans sometimes must be set aside for the greater good. This is one such occasion.

This passage begins after the disciples return to Jesus from their mission as described in last week's Gospel. This passage, in a sense, appears to be a lull in the action for what is to come later in this chapter: the miracle stories of Jesus feeding the 5000 with loaves/fishes and his walking on the water upon the Sea of Galilee. These verses describe a moment in time in Jesus's ministry where he reveals his concern and empathy for those who have been working on his behalf and their need to "come away...and rest."

Along with demonstrating Jesus' compassion for his disciples, he also shows great compassion and pity for the crowd who follows them. Jesus is the true divine shepherd who guides his lost sheep into the kingdom of heaven and to eternal life. Despite the need for a

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# Liturgical Ministries for July 21 and July 28

*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.*

restful sojourn away from the ever-needful crowd, he never falters in his concern, compassion, and love for his people.

His devotion to mankind is manifested in our beautiful Responsorial Psalm today:

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want,” and we as Christians today should always remember that he is our intimate, compassionate close friend, yet also the transcendent perfect and all-powerful God who can help us navigate through any trial or difficulty that arise in our lives.

According to Peter Kreeft in *Food for the Soul*, “only the worshippers of the true God can say both that their Lord is their shepherd, and their shepherd is the Lord.

As this four-verse passage gives a small glimpse into the mindset of our Lord, how can we translate his concern for us into a like-minded response for those who might need a helping hand along the way.

Can we be in some way a guide, a shepherd, to others in our lives?

We are flawed individuals in many ways and tend to put ourselves first, whether it be with our time, talents and treasure.

It is difficult to give of ourselves when we are busy and preoccupied with responsibilities, commitments, and our need to rest from the weariness of life.

Yet, when Jesus wanted a break in the action, he did not hesitate when others needed him.

Yes, self-giving is our fundamental vocation as a Christian, and we must aspire, as difficult as it may be at times, to turn away from ourselves and toward others.

What would Jesus do? He would give of himself, always, no matter the circumstances...

*A life not lived for others is not a life.*  
—St. Teresa of Calcutta

Yours in Christ,  
Father Rudy

## **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.

## **Acolytes**

### **July 21:**

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

### **July 28:**

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

## **Announcers**

### **July 21:**

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

### **July 28:**

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

## **Catechists**

### **July 21**

11 a.m.

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

### **July 28:**

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

### **July 21:**

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Mark Patel, Mary Richardson

### **July 28:**

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Joyce Edwards

## **Lectors**

### **July 21:**

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Dave Stein

11 a.m.

Peggy Nachtrab, Mary Partee

### **July 28:**

9 a.m.

Barbara Wright, John Heathermann

11 a.m.

Bruce Seidel, Gail Smith

## **Ushers' Roster**

9 a.m.

Robert Johnson (lead usher) David Stein, Willa Green, Yolanda and James Roper, Stan Carlross

11 a.m.

Robin Walker (lead usher), Reggie Lee, Ron Garvin, Rob Harris, Bill Ware

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 -- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Even Jesus needed time to rest. People were coming to Jesus and his disciples in droves as news of their ministries spread. Jesus recognized the many needs of the people. He also knew that he and his disciples would be at their best if they took some time away to rest and recharge. Many of us today would be wise to heed this lesson. Burnout is a phenomenon facing people in countless professions, including for caregivers and other demanding unpaid positions. The human body is not made to work 24/7. We need time to pause in the midst of our busy lives. Set aside some time - even just an hour to rest and recharge.

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## *Two Anniversaries*

In the fall of 2024, two important anniversaries will highlight the great contributions of African American Catholics in the Church. These anniversaries include: the 40th anniversary of the publication of, "What We Have Seen and Heard", a pastoral letter published in 1984 by the six black American bishops and the 20th anniversary of the death of black liturgical pioneer Fr. Clarence Joseph Rivers of Cincinnati. These anniversaries will be celebrated with two Masses, Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica Saint Peter in Chains. More details will be provided in future bulletins.

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## *Free Meals, Snacks for Children*

Free meals and snacks may be available Mondays through Fridays during the summer at your neighborhood Cincinnati Public Library. This program is available for children ages 1 through 18. The West End library branch serves lunch Monday through Friday, 1:15-1:45 p.m. and free snacks, 4:15- 4:45 p.m. This service is available through August 13, 2024. Participants must eat at the library. Check with your neighborhood library or [www.chpl.org](http://www.chpl.org) for more locations and times.

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## *Gospel Praise Concert*

The Gospel Praise Concert will be held Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Redmoor Event House, 3187 Linwood Avenue Cincinnati. There will be so much anointing and talent on stage. Mrs. Shon Hubble will be one of the talented people sharing her anointing. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at [accgospelpraise.eventbrite.com](http://accgospelpraise.eventbrite.com) or call (513) 871-6789.

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## *Church staff*

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- Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira-Hilaje, MCCJ, Pastor (aka Father Rudy)
- Rev. Samuel Yacob, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar
- Rev. Miguel Torres, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar
- 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, KPC 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  
 Rebeck, Joan, Twin Oaks Senior Living

## Homebound/Sick; shut-ins

Blair, Diane  
 Hill, Hestella  
 Knight, Melda  
 Mason, Pam  
 Moye, Claudia  
 Randolph, Mary Ann  
 Lomax, Jennifer  
 Cowherd, Diane  
 Robinson, Shirley

## Prayer List

Byndon-White, Shirley  
 Cheeks, Newton  
 Ford, Bernard  
 Heatherman, Christine  
 Irby, Frances  
 Knight, Linda  
 Menefield Family  
 Reed, Margaret  
 Walker, Shelly

## Prayer for Vocations

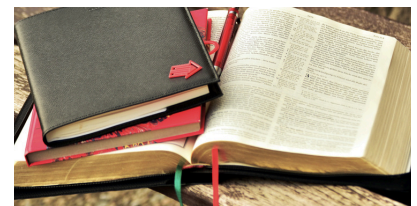
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your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

## Sunday Collection for July 14, 2024

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| Sunday Collection  | 3703.00         |
| myEOffering        | 313.04          |
| Sunday Saints      | 200.00          |
| Saving the Good    | 4400.00         |
| Other              | 1078.00         |
| St. Vincent dePaul | 25.00           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>9,694.04</b> |

# From the Archdiocese

***The National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis:*** Join fellow disciples from across the U.S. and beyond for the event which will include prayer, workshops and concerts. Groups or individuals may register for the entire event or for a day. For information, go to <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>.

***7th Annual Festival of Faiths:*** On Sunday, Aug. 25, the 7th annual Cincinnati Festival of Faiths will be held at the Cintas Center on XU's campus from noon- 5:00 p.m. Equasion, one of Cincinnati's preeminent interfaith organizations, hosts this event which is the city's largest interfaith celebration. It's a gathering of 34 faith traditions and 13 world religions from the Greater Cincinnati area. It's an exhibition with great food and entertainment, and admission is free. For more information, check out <https://equasion.org/about-the-festival-2/>.

***Su Casa Hispanic Center Gala 2024:*** You are invited to "Shine the Light, Be the Light." Su Casa Hispanic Center's annual Gala Celebration. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 27, at the historic Bell Event Centre. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. and will include appetizers and drinks, followed by dinner, presentation, after party and dancing. The event will 'Shine the Light,' a beacon of empowerment, on the needs of the growing Hispanic/Latino community in Greater Cincinnati. Su Casa Hispanic Center is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio. Sponsorship and ticket information can be found at <https://trellis.org/sucasa2024>.

***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 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City. Celebrant: To be determined • Sunday, Sept. 8 at 11 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)

***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.

***Men Inquiring About the Permanent Diaconate:*** Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).

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OF FAITHS

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