

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, September 1: *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; James 1:18; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
For: Charles Hooten (SI)
By: Linda Knight
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
For: Tammie Robinson (AD)
By: Shirley Robinson
For: Virginia Douglas (AD)
By: Pat Spaulding

Monday, September 2: *Monday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalms 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Luke 4:18; Luke 4:16-30*

Tuesday, September 3: *Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Luke 7:16; Luke 4:31-37*

Wednesday, September 4: *Wednesday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalms 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Luke 4:18; Luke 4:38-44*

Thursday, September 5: *Thursday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Matthew 4:19; Luke 5:1-11*

Friday, September 6: *Friday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalms 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; John 8:12; Luke 5:33-39*

Saturday, September 7: *Saturday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Psalms 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; John 14:6; Luke 6:1-5*

Sunday, September 8: *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 2:1-5; cf Matthew 4:23; Mark 7:31-37*

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
For: Melvin Grier (SI)
By: Linda Knight
11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church
For: John Thompson (D)
By: Chris Nachtrab

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.



Come have a snack with St Joseph St Vincent de Paul conference team and learn about how to be a part of this ministry.

St Vincent de Paul Society needs you. Many neighbors need help and St Vincent DePaul needs volunteers like you. This ministry is very rewarding.

The Date is September 15th after 9am and 11:00 mass.

Gwen Dukes is SVDP Conference President. Contact Linda Knight 513-344-3907 for more information.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2024



It's What's Inside That Counts

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord

Imagine a person meticulously adhering to all societal norms—holding the door for others, dressing appropriately for every occasion, and saying the right things at the right times. Yet, behind closed doors, this same person harbors resentment, envy, and hatred. This scenario illustrates a vital truth: It is what is inside that counts.

In today's Gospel of Mark, Jesus addresses the Pharisees and scribes who criticize his disciples for not following traditional purification rituals.

Jesus responds by pointing out their hypocrisy: "You leave the commandment of God and hold fast the traditions of men"—this powerful statement reminds us that human traditions, while beneficial, should never supersede God's law.

Human traditions do play a significant role in our lives, providing structure and a sense of identity.

When these traditions, however, add to or subtract from God's law, they lose their intended purpose. We cannot claim divine authority for man-made laws.

St. James, in today's Epistle, calls us to be "doers of the word and not hearers only."

This admonition urges us to live out our faith actively, embodying God's love and grace in our actions. It is not enough to merely listen to the teachings; we

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Liturgical Ministries for Sept. 1 and Sept. 8

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.

must implement them in our daily lives, showing compassion, mercy, and justice to those around us.

The Pharisees of Jesus's day, much like some of us today, prioritize external adherence to traditions and rituals over the essence of God's commandments.

This misplaced focus can lead to judgment and exclusion, fostering an environment where outward appearances are valued over inner transformation. Such attitudes create unspoken expectations of others and can alienate those who fail to meet our superficial standards.

Jesus's challenge to the Pharisees remains relevant: where is your love and grace for others? All the worship traditions mean nothing if they are accompanied by judgment and a lack of compassion.

True worship is rooted in a heart transformed by God's love, not merely in external compliance.

As Pope Francis wisely noted, "With these words, Jesus wants to caution us too, today, against the belief that outward observance of the law is enough to make us good Christians.

It is not the external things that make us holy or unholy, but the heart which expresses our intentions, our choices, and the will to do all for the love of God. The boundary between good and evil does not pass outside of us, but rather within us."

In reflecting on today's Gospel, let us remember that true righteousness stems from within. Let us strive to align our hearts with God's commandments, allowing his love and grace to flow through us.

May we be doers of the word, living out our faith with integrity and compassion, and may our traditions always point us toward the deeper truths of God's law.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Live Stream

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

Acolytes

September 1:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

September 8:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

Announcers

September 1:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Bill Ware

September 8:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

September 1:

11 a.m.

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

September 8:

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

Eucharistic Ministers

September 1:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Mary Roberson, Sharon Sanker

September 8:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Sharon Sanker, Mark Patel

Lectors

September 1:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Bob Sanker, Janelle Walton

September 8

9 a.m.

Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright

11 a.m.

Pam Dyle, Bill Jefferson

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, Marilyn Tribble, Bill Ware

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

Parish/Community News

Liturgy and Life -- Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus lists the many practices that can defile people from within their hearts evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, and folly. It is quite the list! The murder rate in the United States is particularly worrying. It rose by 30% between 2019 and 2020 alone. What can communities do to promote a safer environment for all? What laws need to be enacted to keep weapons out of the hands of people who use them for harm? See what steps your local government is taking to keep homes and streets safe. Advocate for stronger legislation as needed.

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 Father 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.

Confirmation classes

Are you ready for Confirmation St. Joseph parishioners who are baptized Catholics, who have already prepared for and celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation/Confession and Eucharist/First Communion, and who are at least 12 years of age by the celebration date of the confirmation, can prepare for the sacrament of confirmation in a parish-based preparation process. we are taking registrations now.

First Holy Communion classes

First Holy Communion Spring 2025 Should you wish to have your child make his/her First Holy Communion we are taking registrations now. This is for children who are in the second grade, are at least seven years old, who have been baptized, and who regularly attend Mass. Also, children should be able to understand and be able to receive the Body of Christ with faith and devotion. Registration forms are available at the usher's table.

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- 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

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

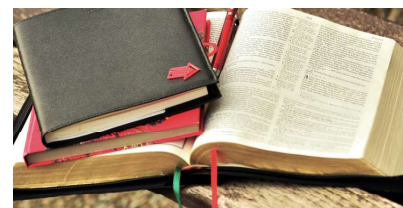
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your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

Sunday Collection for August 25, 2024

Sunday Collection	1753.00
myEOffering	313.04
Sunday Saints	200.00
Saving the Good	150.00
Other	215.00
St. Vincent DePaul	65.00
Total	2696.04

From the Archdiocese

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.

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

Retrouvaille Program for Struggling Marriages: The Retrouvaille program is designed to help save marriages by offering hope and healing to married couples who are struggling with serious difficulties. It is structured in three phases, starting with a weekend led by married couples and a priest chaplain.

The techniques learned at the weekend are further developed during the second phase, which is a series of six successive Saturdays.

The final phase includes ongoing monthly small group gatherings with other couples who have attended the Retrouvaille program.

Interested couples should contact Mark & Nancy Kleespies at 513-382-5365 (Mark) or 513-706-2779 (Nancy).

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. Volunteers are needed to pick up furniture and set up housing, as well as mentor refugee youth. For more information, visit www.ceswoh.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 defirst@aol.com or at 513-741-3070.