

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, August 11:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; John 6:51; John 6:41-51

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: Marcella Hill (AB)  
By: Shirley Robinson

**Monday, August 12:** Monday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 13:** Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel: 2:8-3:4; Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Matthew 11:29ab; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday, August 14:** Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Matthew 18:15-20

**Thursday, August 15:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

**Friday, August 16:** Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Ezekiel 16:59-63; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Matthew 19:3-12

**Saturday, August 17:** Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Matthew 11:25; Matthew 19:13-15

**Sunday, August 18:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Prv 9:1-6; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:56; John 6:51-58

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Ida Jackson (BA)  
By: Linda Knight

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Elizabeth A. Jackson (D)  
By: Mary Partee

**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 for giving their talent for the greater good. Gwen Dukes is SVDP Conference President. Contact Linda Knight 513-344-3907 for more information.  
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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2024



### Letting Jesus Light the Way

My Brothers and Sisters  
in the Risen Lord

In the middle of the nineteenth century, an English pre-Raphaelite artist William Holman Hunt painted a symbolic masterpiece of Jesus Christ called The Light of the World. This painting depicts Christ holding a lantern as he prepares to knock on a long-neglected, locked door. The door lacks a knob and can only be opened from the inside. This symbolizes that Jesus will knock, but the only way he can enter is if the other side lets him in.

Today, on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue exploring Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. In last week's Gospel, we saw the we crowd following Jesus being fed through the miracle of the loaves and fish. However, now with only selfish needs in mind, they begin to question the validity of his words. Their hearts lack depth in understanding or acceptance.

In this Gospel, Jesus affirms he is the true bread who has come down from heaven and says, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him on the last day." With these words, the crowd's skepticism and arrogance are apparent, and any sense of wonder, awe, and ultimate understanding of his divinity are marred.

Similarly, in our own lives, how many times have we murmured  
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and questioned our faith when our worldly needs seem unmet?

Do we ignore the knock at the door or fail to hear it because we believe our prayers have gone unheard?

Are we so focused on our own selfish notions we fail to see beyond the surface of things?

Is our limited understanding limiting us?

Like the crowd, we are constrained by our biases and small-mindedness, sometimes failing to open our hearts to God when we might need him most.

We keep the “door” closed to the Bread of Life, the only gift that can sustain us here on earth and toward eternal life and salvation.

Although our paths may be uncertain to us at times, let us consent to open our soul, go to him, and let his light shine upon us.

*If your heart is always closed, faith doesn't enter! Instead, God the Father, draws us to Jesus; it is we who open or close our hearts. Instead, faith, which is like a seed deep in the heart, blossoms when we let the Father draw us to Jesus and we “go to Him” with an open heart without prejudices; then we recognize in his face the Face of God, and in his words, the Word of God, because the Holy Spirit has made us enter into the relationship of love and life between Jesus and God the Father. And there we receive a gift, the gift of the faith. With this attitude of faith, we can understand the meaning of the “Bread of Life” that Jesus gives us... In Jesus, in his “flesh”—that is his concrete humanity—is all this love of God, which is the Holy Spirit. Those who let themselves be drawn by this love go to Jesus and go with faith, and receive from Him life, eternal life.*

- Pope Francis, 2015

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.

## **Liturgical Ministries for August 11 and 18**

*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**

#### **August 11:**

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers,

#### **August 18:**

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Howard Tribble, Nate Powers

### **Announcers**

#### **August 11:**

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

#### **August 18:**

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Bill Ware

### **Catechists**

#### **August 11:**

11 a.m.

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

#### **August 18:**

11 a.m.

Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab and Patricia Charlton

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

#### **August 11:**

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Sharon Sanker, Denise Stockstill

#### **August 18:**

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Mary Roberson

### **Lectors**

#### **August 11:**

9 a.m.

Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright

11 a.m.

Edna McCoy, Peggy Nachtrab

#### **August 18:**

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Dave Stein

11 a.m.

Lester Freeman, Pam Franklin

### **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](mailto:church@stjosephcincinnati.org)

# Parish/Community News

## *Liturgy and Life -- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus spent much of his time with Jewish people - and was a Jewish man himself. Christianity has its roots in Judaism. Its people and religious practices deserve respect. There has been a rise in anti-Semitic acts over the last decade. Gunmen perpetrate violence in synagogues, and slurs get thrown around in the public square. Consider visiting your local Jewish community center to learn more about Judaism and see how you can support the Jewish community.



## *Church staff*

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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, 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*

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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 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.

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## *Back to School Prayers*

### *For the Student*

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Amen.

### *For the Teacher*

Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May you be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that you have entrusted to them. Show them when they must discipline and when they can show mercy. Father, help them to depend totally on You, For You are the source of their strength, courage and peace. Amen

**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.

## *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  
 Checks, Newton  
 Ford, Bernard  
 Heatherman, Christine  
 Irby, Frances  
 Knight, Linda  
 Menefield Family  
 Reed, Margaret  
 Walker, Shelly

## Prayer for Vocations

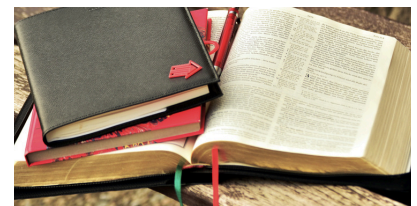
Almighty Father: You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your 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 August 4, 2024

Sunday Collection	2959.00
myEOffering	603.04
Sunday Saints	480.00
Saving the Good	2825.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6867.04</b>

# 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](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)

***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.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.



SPECIAL EXHIBIT

# Now Open through October 14, 2024

Entry: **Free** | Location: **Union Terminal**

*Over 200 historic and contemporary photographs.*

Through the lens of Black photographers and photo collections, *Lens of History: A Celebration of People, Spaces and Emotion* explores the rich tapestry of Black history in Cincinnati.

## Lens of History: A Celebration of People, Spaces and Emotions

### Part of the 2024 FotoFocus Biennial

Through the lens of Black photographers and photo collections, *Lens of History: A Celebration of People, Spaces and Emotion* explores the rich tapestry of Black history in Cincinnati. Over 200 historic and contemporary photographs showcase the often overlooked and sometimes unseen contributions and experiences of Black individuals and communities throughout Cincinnati's history. The exhibition invites a more inclusive understanding of Cincinnati's past while inspiring essential conversations about its future.

A generous gift from FotoFocus made this exhibition possible. *Lens of History* was curated by Toilynn O'Neal Turner of the Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center (ROMAC) with assistant curator Ryan Leary and **West End community members**, and in partnership with Cincinnati Museum Center.

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