

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



745 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

Parish Phone: 513-381-4526

Fax: 513-381-5244

www.stjosephcincinnati.org

Rev. Rodolfo Coaquira-Hilaje, MCCJ, Pastor

Rev. Gianluca Rosa, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Samuel Jacob, MCCJ, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Miguel Torres, 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, February 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 214:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:32; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Christine Heatherman (D)

By: Trish Heatherman

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes (SI)

By: SJCC

Monday, February 3: Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time: Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Luke 7:16; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 4: Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time: Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Matthew 8:17; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 5: Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; John 10:27; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 6: Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mark 1:15; Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 7: Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time: Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Luke 8:15; Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 8: Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 10:27; Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11; Matthew 4:19; Luke 5:1-11

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Christine Heatherman (D)

By: Dick & Eileen Pope

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Carol Wiedner (SI)

By: Maria Davis

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 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, 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.

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025



Finding God in Everyday Commitment

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

Imagine a young family
bringing their newborn to a church
for baptism.

It's not just a tradition but a
heartfelt act of faith and dedication.
The parents recognize that their
child is a gift from God and offer
this moment as a way to entrust
their little one to His care.

This everyday scene mirrors the
profound moment in today's Gospel
when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus
to the Temple for His presentation
to the Lord (Luke 2:22-40).

The Feast of the Presentation
teaches us deep lessons about
faithfulness, obedience, and
surrender to God.

Mary and Joseph faithfully
followed the Jewish law, presenting
their firstborn and offering the
prescribed sacrifice. Their actions
reveal hearts fully committed to
God's will.

For us, their example is a call to
reflect: Do we approach our
commitments to God with the same
purity of heart and obedience? In a
culture that often promotes self-
interest, Mary and Joseph challenge
us to center our lives on God and
trust in His plan.

(Continued on next page)

Simeon and Anna also stand as powerful witnesses of faith and patience. Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, had waited a lifetime to see the Messiah. Anna, a widow dedicated to prayer and fasting, never left the Temple.

Both recognized Jesus instantly as the Savior, their years of hope and trust fulfilled in a single moment.

Their stories remind us to remain faithful, even when God's plan seems distant or unclear. God's timing is perfect, and His promises never fail.

The Presentation of Jesus also invites us to consider how we can "present" our own lives to God.

Just as Mary and Joseph entrusted their Son, we are called to offer our lives to God daily.

This might mean small sacrifices, acts of kindness, or placing our plans and desires in His hands.

Each act of surrender, no matter how small, is a way of saying, "Here I am, Lord."

Finally, this Gospel calls us to carry the light of Christ into the world. Jesus is the Light of the World, and as His followers, we are called to reflect His light in our actions.

By living with faith, hope, and love, we become beacons of His presence in a world that often feels dark or uncertain.

As we reflect on the Presentation, may we draw inspiration from Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna.

Their faithfulness and trust encourage us to live as true disciples, offering our lives to God and sharing His light with all we meet.

Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

Live Stream

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

Liturgical Ministries for Feb. 2 and 9

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

February 2:

9 a.m. Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
11 a.m. Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

February 9:

9 a.m. Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler
11 a.m. Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

Announcers

February 2

9 a.m. Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m. Bill Ware

February 9:

9 a.m. Deacon Dennis Edwards
11 a.m. Mike McCoy

Catechists

February 2:

11 a.m. Lead Catechists: Joyce Edwards, Peggy Nachtrab, Patricia Charlton, Gayle Burton and Michaela Townsend

Eucharistic Ministers

February 2:

9 a.m. Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m. Joyce Edwards, Reggie Lee

February 9:

9 a.m. Willia Green, Anne Shaffer
11 a.m. Gail Smith, Sharon Sanker

Lectors

February 2:

9 a.m. George Kinley, Dave Stein
11 a.m. Bill Jefferson, Pam Dyle

February 9:

9 a.m. Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright,
11 a.m. Bob Sanker, Janelle Walton

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

The words of Jeremiah are testimony to the intimate connection of God with human life in all its stages and forms. These words also lend scriptural force to the Catholic Church's prohibition of abortion. Yet, so often, abortion foes and proponents engage in recriminating rhetoric that neither prevents abortion nor helps women in crisis. Many organizations, however, are quietly working to help both pregnant women and women who have had abortions. Among them is Project Rachel, a program now operating in many Catholic diocese that helps women grieve, accept forgiveness and heal after an abortion.

Catholic Appeal Commitment Week

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. (CMA) More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries!

Holy Day Mass

The Holy Day Mass for Ash Wednesday, March 5 will be held at 6 p.m. At St. Joseph Catholic Church. Please join us.

Volunteer opportunities

We need someone to update the parish website and provide content for the bulletin. Both require weekly updates. Training is available for updating the website. If you are interested in doing either or both, please contact the parish office.

We need people to help coordinate funerals and weddings. These events do not happen often but require a team to make them a true celebration of life and marriage. Training is available. Please contact the office to volunteer.

We need people to assist with sacramental recordkeeping. We need someone with clear/legible handwriting. The records are still maintained in handwritten form and will need to be legible for many years to come. Please contact the parish office to volunteer.

We need people with some tech skills to help with the livestream of the mass. We currently offer the livestream of the 11 AM mass weekly via YouTube. This ministry is important to our homebound parishioners. If you could commit to run the livestream of the Mass one Sunday a month, please stop by and see Ms. Lee Wilson.

We need a chairperson to lead us in setting up and running a black history program next month. Please call the parish office to offer your assistance.

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.



Church staff

Please call the parish office
at 513-381-4526

Fax number: 513-381-5244

Email: church@stjosephcincinnati.org

- *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. Gayle Burton, Grand Lady, KPC Ladies Auxiliary: 513-301-8151*
- *Mr. Robert Harris, Grand Knight, Knights of Peter Claver, 513-807-8501*
- *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
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
Cowherd, Diane
Robinson, Shirley

Prayer List

Cheeks, Newton
Irby, Frances
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.)

Beacons of Light Information

The Beacons of Light website remains the primary source of information about the pastoral planning process underway in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The website is: 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. rg/Beacons-of-Lights Beacons of Light - Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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.

Sunday Collection January 26, 2025

Sunday Collection	5869.00
Sunday Saints	200.00
Saving the Good	1000.00
St. Vincent dePaul	130.00
Other	565.00
Total	7764.00

From the Archdiocese

Jubilee Year 2025: *The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit <https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025> to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.*

Parenting Education Classes: *Need encouragement or support in learning new ways of relating to your children? Call Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio for information on our six-week Parenting Education Class that is offered every Monday (excluding holidays) via Zoom. Contact Patsy Bolden for more information at 513-867-7072 or pbolden@ccswoh.org.*

Wedding Anniversary Certificates: *Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? 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.*

Formation and Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: *Are you interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to serve at Mass or to the sick, hospitalized, or homebound? Formation and training will be offered by the archdiocese in the coming months in Cincinnati, Dayton, and online. Learn more and sign up at www.catholicaoc.org/worship.*

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

Help Local Refugees: *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 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.*

Connected Through Christ: *Connected Through Christ is a group for parents of children that suffer from gender dysphoria. Parents meet to share and discuss experiences regarding our children who say that they are transgender. The core values of Connected Through Christ are based on a Christian understanding of male and female as articulated in Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are held twice a month at a Cincinnati east side parish. Email cincycctc@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group.*



The Church exists to evangelize. Your support of the CMA is vital to continuing evangelization and discipleship ministries throughout the Archdiocese and help people to encounter Christ in their own lives, equipping them to walk with others on their journey of faith.

New Evangelization programs equip us to become missionary Disciples, changing our lives and the lives of the people we meet. By supporting the CMA, you are changing lives through the outreach efforts of this office.

The Center for the New Evangelization helps us share our love of the faith and proclaim the Gospel message to everyone, no matter where they are in their spiritual journey.

- Evangelization resources for parishes
- Hispanic Evangelization
- Direct ministry to youth, young adults, engaged couples, and more.
- School of Faith programs for Catholic teachers and staff

Learn more on their website at: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/>