

A TOWER OF FAITH IN THE WEST END AND CUMMINSVILLE

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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, January 26: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; Cf. Luke 4:18; Luke 1:1-4, 14:21

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes (SI)
By: SJCC
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11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

Monday, January 27: Monday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; 2 Timothy 1:10; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28: Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church: Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40: 2, 4ab, 7-8, 10, 11; Matthew 11:25; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29: Wednesday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time: Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30: Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time: Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Psalm 119:105; Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 31: Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest: Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-4, 23-24, 39-40; Matthew 11:25; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1: Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; John 3:16; Mark 4:35-41

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
For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes (SI)
By: SJCC

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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.

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2025



In All Thing, Jesus Makes A Difference

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

Imagine a young man who grew up in a small town, humble and unassuming. Years later, he returns as a celebrated figure – perhaps a successful author, athlete, or entrepreneur. The townspeople gather to hear him speak, proud of their local boy who has "made it." But imagine their shock if his words challenge their expectations, speaking truths that are difficult to hear. Their pride might turn to confusion or even anger. How could someone they thought they knew so well say such things?

This is a glimpse of what happened when Jesus returned to Nazareth. In the synagogue, surrounded by those who had known him since childhood,

Jesus stood to read from the scroll of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. . . He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free." When he finished, Jesus declared, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." The congregation was stunned. Could this be true? Could the young carpenter they had watched grow up claim to fulfill this profound prophecy? They had expected the Messiah to establish a powerful political kingdom, liberating them from Roman oppression. Instead, Jesus announced a kingdom rooted in goodness, love, and spiritual freedom. He came to address the

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Liturgical Ministries for Jan. 26 and Feb. 2

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Jesus isn't just a historical figure or a distant concept. He is real. He is "I Am." He is present in every aspect of our lives, speaking through events, people, and even the quiet of our hearts. As theologian Peter Kreeft notes in his book, *Food for the Soul*, Jesus is speaking to us in all things. Are we listening? When we open our hearts to Jesus, we allow his kingdom of goodness to take root within us. Jesus makes the difference – not in abstract ways but tangibly, transforming our lives and calling us to be part of his mission to heal the world. Today, as we reflect on his words, let us embrace the challenge and the grace of listening to his voice. Let his "today" begin anew in us. Instead, Jesus announced a kingdom rooted in goodness, love, and spiritual freedom. He came to address the deeper, universal captivities such as cruelty, despair, and injustice. His words upended their expectations, and many struggled to accept them.

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Yours in Christ,
Father Rudy

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

January 26:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

February 2:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

Announcers

January 26

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

February 2:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Bill Ware

Catechists

January 26:

11 a.m.

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

Eucharistic Ministers

January 26

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Denise Stockstill, Reggie Lee

February 2:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Joyce Edwards, Reggie Lee

Lectors

January 26:

9 a.m.

Barbara Wright, John Heatherman

11 a.m.

Lester Freeman, Mark Patel

February 2:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, David Stein

11 a.m.

Bill Jefferson, Pam Dyle

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

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

Parish/Community News

Liturgy and Life

If we are to bring glad tidings to the poor, we must find reliable ways to stay informed about who they are. If we to proclaim liberty to captives, we must know the ways they are held bound. Visit Catholic Relief Services to see what ways our parish can be active: We celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this month. His refusal to be silent about racial injustice in the United States marks him as a prophet for all times.

Despite many victories, Dr King's work to promote racial justice is yet unfinished; people of color continue to struggle with racism in its myriad of forms.

Read the US Bishops' document Open Wide Our Hearts and discuss as a parish team how your community can help stand up to racism..

KPC Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Officers

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary's newly elected officers will be installed today at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church.

Knights: Grand Knight Rob Harris; Deputy Grand Knight Bill Ware; Area Deputy Reginald E. Lee; Financial Secretary Ron Garvin; Treasurer Howard Tribble; Recording Secretary James Roper; Junior Knight Commander James Roper III and Guard Jerry Lanier.

Ladies: Grand Lady Gayle Burton; Vice Grand Lady Mary Dixon-Richardson; Financial Secretary Barbara Houston; Recording Secretary Patricia Burley; Treasurer Denise S. Stockstill; Junior Daughter Counselor Regina Chenault; Inner Guard Edna McCoy; Chaplain Mary Partee; and Finance Committee member Denise F. Stockstill

We are having an initiation for new members in February. If interested, please contact Lady Denise Stockstill, 513-799-4777 or Grand Lady Gayle Burton, 513-301-8151.

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

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- *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 19, 2025

Sunday Collection	4079.00
Sunday Saints	450.00
Christmas Appeal	1000.00
St. Vincent dePaul	114.00
Other	1496.00
Total	7439.00

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 cincycct@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group.

“Trust in the LORD
with all your heart.”

Proverbs 3:5a



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2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. 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! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!