

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, April 13: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7;

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2:8-9; Luke 22:14-23:56;
Luke 23:1-49

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Christine Heatherman (D)

By: Katherine Hager

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

For: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes (SI)

By: SJCC

Monday, April 14: Monday of Holy Week: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15: Tuesday of Holy Week: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 16: Wednesday of Holy Week: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 17: Thursday of Holy Week: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:34; John 13:1-15

Friday, April 18: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16:5:7-9; Philippians 2:8-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter; Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 1:1, 26-31a; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Genesis 22:1-18; Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-44; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:35; 43:3, 4; Isaiah 12:2-3 4bcd, 5-6; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 20: The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Day: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; 1 Corinthians 5:7; John 20:1-9

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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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 13, 2025



Peace in Heaven and Glory in the Highest!

My Brothers and Sisters
in the Risen Lord,

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.

They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." (Luke 19: 36-38)

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and all the pageantry and purpose of Jesus Christ as he rides into Jerusalem, as crowds follow him along his path proclaiming, "Hosanna in the highest!"

This moment is the culmination of all Jesus accomplished in his lifetime and foreshadows all the suffering he is to incur in the days to come.

He rode upon a donkey, in this instance, as a symbol of peace and humility to fulfill the prophecy of the Old Testament.

On this most special day, let us reflect on this occasion and prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation and the salvation of all mankind.

On Palm Sunday in 2014, Pope
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John Paul asked the people assembled at St. Peter's Square these questions, all of us should ask this week: "Who am I before our Lord...am I ready to express my joy, to praise him? Or do I stand back?"

The pope then asked the group to consider the many names one hears during the Passion of Christ and whether we are like any of them in our expression of faith. For example, like the disciples, do we fall asleep when we are bored and exhausted from the grind of our daily lives, when we are asked to do more than what we are comfortable with?

Or, like Pilate, when faced with an uncomfortable decision of faith, do we dodge our responsibility and pass it on to another?

Or, like Judas, who claimed to be a disciple of Christ, do we feign righteousness and choose always any gain we might receive in embracing its tenets?

These are difficult examinations of conscience, yet this week, we should indeed look at ourselves and determine what more we can do to become better and brighter lights of faith.

Let us try to be more like Jesus' mother, Mary, who suffered silently, the Cyrenan who helped carry his cross, Joseph who lovingly buried him at his death, and all others, who were there, present, with loving hearts.

Today we hear, and hopefully breathe in, the Passion of Christ, as told to us by Luke, beginning with the Last Supper and continuing with the passion: the events at Gethsemane and ending with Jesus' burial in the tomb. Let us not seal our hearts to all that occurred during this momentous week: the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, who came into this world to save us, one and all.

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.*

Liturgical Ministries for April 13-20

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

April 13:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler,

11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

April 20:

9 a.m.

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11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

Announcers

April 13:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

April 20:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

Catechists

April 13:

11 a.m.

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

Eucharistic Ministers

April 13:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Mark Pastel, Sharon Sanker

April 20:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Lester Freeman, Joyce Edwards

Lectors

April 13:

9 a.m.

Walt Connolly, Barbara Wright

11 a.m.

Edna McCoy, Peggy Nachtrab

April 20:

9 a.m.

George Stein, Dave Stein

11 a.m.

Jan Seidel, Bruce Seidel

Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

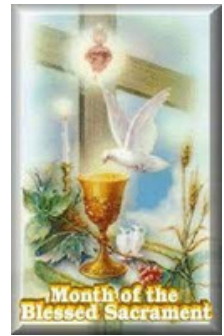
Robin Walker (lead usher), Reggie Lee, Ron Garvin, Rob Harris, Marilyn Tribble, Bill Ware

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

Unfortunately, our depictions of Jesus' crucifixion sometimes make it look more like a romanticized drama than the brutal execution it was. Crucifixion was the prescribed form execution for slaves and non-Roman citizens; its cruelty was a sign to others of the same class to behave, lest the same thing happen to them. Despite the fact that the person Christians acclaim as Savior was a victim of capital punishment, despite the fact that popes and the US Bishops have condemned it, capital punishment remains legal in twenty-seven US States (as of 2023). The United States is one of the few industrialized nations that still practice it. Capital punishment is even (outrageously) given biblical warrant by some Christians. Such argumentation is not worthy of Christians, called to forgive seventy times seven times! Explore how you and your parish can get involved in the Catholic Mobilizing Network, a national organization that works with the USCCB to end the death penalty (The public humiliation of the woman caught in adultery by her "righteous" of her time is mirrored in the public finger-pointing in our own. So many people are publicly excoriated for what some perceive as sin. Our culture seems titillated by the "sins of others." Yet Jesus seems to recognize the complexity of situations. Perhaps he wondered why the woman's accomplice was not dragged before him, since the two were "caught in the act." He certainly points out the hypocrisy of it all. During Lent, challenge yourself to recognize the complexity of others' lives. Allow yourself to recognize the deeper sinfulness of our society, which seeks the humiliation of others to satisfy our own sense of self-righteousness.).



Church staff

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- 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

Accepting donations for the neighborhood house

FISH FRY Fundraiser

We're excited to invite you to our Fish Fry Fundraiser, where you can indulge in a mouthwatering meal while supporting a worthy cause.

SAVE THE DATE

03:00PM-08:00PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025
745 EZZARD CHARLES DRIVE

Beautifying St. Joseph

St. Joseph Church will be undertaking projects soon to secure and beautify the St. Joseph campus. If you are interested in helping out, or if you know of a group that might be interested in volunteering, contact Bob Sanker (513) 300-4896, or the church office.

Save the Date: Sept. 13, 2025

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council/Court 363 are celebrating the 25th anniversary of their founding with a gala Sept. 13. The event will include dinner, dancing, fellowship and fun recognizing the group's years of progress. For more information, contact chairpersons Grand Lady Gayle Burton (513-801-8151) or Area Deputy Reginald Lee (515-652-7122).

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.

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
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.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. 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 April 6, 2025

Sunday Collection	3276.00
Online Giving	973.04
Sunday Saints	450.00
St. Vincent dePaul	20.00
Other	80.00
Total	4799.04

From the Archdiocese

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage: Experience the grace of the Jubilee Year by joining Archbishop Dennis Schnurr on pilgrimage to Italy. Visiting the Eternal City offers a uniquely Catholic experience, where visitors can simultaneously take in ancient Rome, medieval Rome, and the grandeur of modern Papal Rome. The city offers one breathtaking experience after another, with awe-inspiring religious sites, world-class museums, splashing fountains, delightful piazzas, and exquisite art and architecture at every turn. This pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Siena, Orvieto, and Monte Cassino will carry you on an unforgettable journey of Italian culture, history, art, and culinary delights. For more information or to register go to: <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/schnurr>.

Way of the Cross for Justice: Every year, an ecumenical group from the archdiocese hosts a Good Friday walk to highlight injustices that occur in our time and connect them to the sufferings of Christ. This year, the program will focus on the injustices faced by our immigrant neighbors. The event starts at noon at the American Queen Paddle Wheel, 100 Joe Nuxhall Way, Cincinnati 45202, and proceeds along the riverfront, ending at the Castellini Esplanade. For more information, visit give.ignitepeace.org/WOTC2025. Registration is not required but is appreciated. Contact Andrew Musgrave (513-263-6691) with any questions.

The Gift of Fertility: Mother & Daughter Workshop: The Workshop will be held Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, The Gift of Fertility: Mother & Daughter Workshop is geared toward moms with their young daughters (ages 10-14), providing a beautiful context for strengthening their bond and learning about God's plan for growing up. Speakers include Sr. Philomena Marie of the Sacred Heart, CFE, Melissa Rahm, Cassie Subler, and Dr. Trina Winner. The cost is \$50 per family and includes hand-outs, a light breakfast and lunch. Sign up online no later than May 2. Learn more and sign up at: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/the-gift-of-fertility-2025>.

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 Robert G. Casey 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



2025 Holy Week

Come Worship with Us, All are welcome

Holy Thursday, April 17th 6 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Foot Washing

Good Friday, April 18th Noon

The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 19th 8:45 PM

Easter Vigil

Resurrection Sunday 9:00 & 11:00

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