

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, 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

9 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

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

11 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church

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**Monday, April 21:** Monday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 2:14, 22-23; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Psalm 118:24; Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday, April 22:** Tuesday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Psalm 118:24; John 20:11-18

**Wednesday, April 23:** Wednesday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Psalm 118:24; Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday, April 24** Thursday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalm 118:24; Luke 24:35-48

**Friday, April 25:** Friday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Psalm 118:24; John 21:1-14

**Saturday, April 26:** Saturday in the Octave of Easter: Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Psalm 118:24; Mark 16:9-15

**Sunday, April 27:** Second of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy: Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:29; John 20:19-31

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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.

## The Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2025



### He is Risen! A Message of Hope and New Life

My Brothers and Sisters  
in the Risen Lord,

A young woman sat at her grandfather's bedside, holding his frail hand. His breathing was shallow, his time on earth drawing to a close.

He had lived a full life, and she knew he was ready, but still, the thought of losing him filled her with sorrow.

As she wept, he smiled and whispered, "This is not the end. Trust in Him."

On that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene approached the tomb expecting death. Instead, she found life.

The massive stone was rolled away, and the burial cloths were there, but Jesus was gone.

Confused and frightened, she ran to tell Peter and John, who hurried to see for themselves.

What they found changed everything — the empty tomb and the carefully placed burial cloths were not signs of robbery or decay but of victory.

Jesus had risen!

This moment is the foundation of our faith.

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## Liturgical Ministries for April 20 and 27

The Resurrection is not just a historical event but a living reality. Jesus is alive, not in memory or metaphor, but truly and powerfully present.

Because He lives, our faith is not in vain. His Resurrection proves His divinity,

His authority, and the truth of everything He taught. It is why we believe in His promises, in His mercy, and in eternal life.

The Church, at its heart, is a chain of witnesses to this truth. It began with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John, and continues today through each of us.

The empty tomb is not just an ancient story; it is a sign for us now. Death does not have the final word. Suffering is not the end. Jesus has conquered, and because of Him, we have hope.

Even the smallest details in John's Gospel carry meaning. The burial cloths were not discarded in haste but folded with care. Jesus forgets no detail.

If He is mindful even of the way His grave clothes were left, how much more does He care about the details of our lives?

Easter is our reminder that in every loss, in every fear, and in every sorrow, Christ is alive and at work.

When we stand at the tombs in our own lives — whether through grief, failure, or despair — we are not left alone.

The Resurrection assures us that God is always bringing forth new life, even when we least expect it.

So today, as we proclaim, "He is risen!" let us ask ourselves: If we truly believe in the Resurrection, how will it change the way we live?

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.*

*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 20:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler,

11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

#### April 27:

9 a.m.

Liz Berry, Ron Hitzler

11 a.m.

Nate Powers, Howard Tribble

### Announcers

#### April 20:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

#### April 27:

9 a.m.

Deacon Dennis Edwards

11 a.m.

Mike McCoy

### Catechists

#### April 20:

11 a.m.

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

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### April 20:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Lester Freeman, Joyce Edwards

#### April 27:

9 a.m.

Willia Green, Anne Shaffer

11 a.m.

Joyce Edwards, Marco Gonzalez

### Lectors

#### April 20:

9 a.m.

George Kinley, Dave Stein

11 a.m.

Jan Seidel, Bruce Seidel

#### April 27:

9 a.m.

Barbara Wright, John Heatherman

11 a.m.

Pam Franklin, Mark Patel

### Ushers' Roster

9 a.m.

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

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*

Throughout the fifty-day Easter season, we marvel at the empty tomb as we seek to renew and strengthen our faith in Christ. This week, savor the joy of Easter, knowing that Christ is truly raised from the dead, bringing the promise of new life. Hold fast to all that strengthens your faith in God's power at work in your life.

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## *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.

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## *Thank you Family and Friends*

Dear Family and Friends:

Thank you so much for celebrating Holy Week with us. It was truly the most wonderful time, and it wouldn't have been the same without you! We are incredibly grateful for your generosity, love and presence on such a special occasion.

Easter is a season of blessing and celebration. It is a time for reflection on what it means to make all things new.

Consider making a new commitment to celebrate mass with your St. Joseph Family each Sunday at 9 am or 11 am. Hope always in Christ!

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## *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.

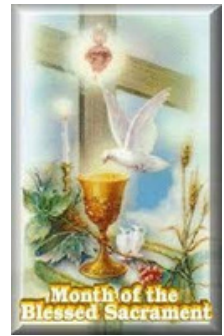
For more information, contact chairpersons Grand Lady Gayle Burton (513-801-8151) or Area Deputy Reginald Lee (515-652-7122).

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## *Confession Schedule*

Confessions will be heard at St. Joseph Catholic Church by appointment. Please call the parish office to make an appointment. Please enter and exit the church through the side door. The sanctuary is also open for prayer during the same schedule.

**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).



## *Church staff*

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- 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](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  
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](http://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](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.

**Figures for  
the Sunday  
Collection  
for April 13  
are unavailable  
this week**

# 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>.

***Religious Brothers Day May 1:*** Religious Brothers Day on Thursday, May 1 offers the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for religious brothers in our lives, including 82 here in our archdiocese. It also offers an opportunity to consider how we all invite, walk with, and encourage young people to discern God's call in their life. Please visit [www.religiousbrothers.org](http://www.religiousbrothers.org) to download prayers, prayer services, reflections, and other resources to celebrate Religious Brothers Day.

***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](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.

Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary  
Presents...

## *Hats Off To Moms*



# Fashion Show & Luncheon

*May 10th, 2025*

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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**\$30 Ticket**

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