



St. Jerome Church

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11AM – 3 PM Monday – Thursday

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Mass Schedule

Saturday evening	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM
Tuesday	7:30 PM
First /Friday	7:30 PM
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri	10:00 AM

January 21st, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year B

Reconciliation by appointment

Pregnancy assistance services (nationwide) 1-800-848-LOVE

Suicide Prevention Hotline (nationwide) 1-800-273-8255, (local) 513-281-CARE

Baptisms and Weddings: Call the Rectory (513) 231-7042

How to register at St. Jerome's: New member registration packets are under the table to the right as you leave church. Fill out the registration form and return that form by dropping it in the collection basket, or mailing it to the Rectory at 5858 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 513-231-7042

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Intention	Petitioner
Sat 1/20	5:00 PM	Grace Anne Bruno	Ralph Bruno
Sun 1/21	9:30 AM	Marie Zaccardo	Meg Coogan
Mon 1/22	10:00AM	Conchita Villalobos	Carmen Hodge
Tues 1/23	7:30PM	Conchita Villalobos	Carmen Hodge
Wed 1/24	10:00AM	Robert Hodge	Carmen Hodge
Thur 1/25	10:00AM	Jamie Villalobos	Carmen Hodge
Fri 1/26	10:00AM	Conchita Villalobos	Carmen Hodge
Sat 1/27	5:00 PM	Nick Gressle	Mom
Sun 1/28	9:30 AM	Steve Weber	Gwen Brichler

Minister Assignments January 27 and January 28, 2024

Date/Time	Lector	Communion Minister	Servers	Ushers
Mon 1/22 10:00 AM	Cindy Richmond		Kim Leist	
Tues 1/23 7:30 PM	Cindy Richmond		Kim Leist	
Wed 1/24 10:00 AM	Shirley Suter	Kathryn Triplett	Kim Leist	
Thurs 1/25 10:00 AM	Cindy Richmond		Kim Leist	
Fri 1/26 10:00 AM	Gwen Brichler		Kim Leist	
Saturday 1/27 5:00 PM	Ron Hermann	Kathryn Triplett	Mike Wheeler	Russ Dixon
Sunday 1/28 9:30 AM	Mary Smiley	Patty Prugh	Kim Leist	Aaron Robinson

Saturday & Sunday Collection 1/13 & 1/14 \$1118.00

Thanks for your Continuous & Generous Support!

What's Happening at St Jerome:

Tues 1/23 7:30 pm Mass at St Jerome

FROM THE PASTOR

The most interesting programs on television are the commercials especially the drug commercials. They outline the benefits which you can expect from taking these drugs. Then they tell you the possible side effects: "Possible side effects include headache, dizziness, nausea, heart palpitations, stroke, and cancer." The cure sounds worse than the disease.

No one can accuse Jesus of false advertising. In Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells us of the possible side effects of following Him: being rejected by your family and losing everything you have—including your life. There's no fine print and there are no hidden fees. Jesus wants us to make an informed choice. He tells us to calculate the cost. Life seldom presents us with a stark choice between living and being faithful to Jesus. Christian men and women have had to make this costly choice. Each day we pray, "Deliver us from evil." We ask the Lord to deliver us from a situation where we have to make the ultimate choice.

Jesus tells us the possible side effects of following him because he wants us to make an informed choice. He values our freedom. Jesus also wants us to know that we are not alone. He wants us to know that He has foreseen the dangers of following Him. In fact, Jesus is not asking us to suffer anything that He has not suffered. Jesus asks us to give Him a blank check. At the suitable moment, He will fill in the amount. We do not fear. We know the One in whom we have placed our trust. Who better than Jesus to follow? Jesus speaks the words of eternal life. The Christian life involves self-denial, but following Jesus is always a choice to really live

Fr. Steve

60+ Activities

February 22 – Cincinnati Museum Center – 9:45 – 3:30. Enjoy the Cincinnati History Museum, Museum of Natural History & Science, the featured Omnimax film, and a docent led tour of the Holocaust & Humanity Center for just \$28 per person (parking included). Carpool available from IHM. We have reserved tables for lunch so bring your own or purchase at the museum. Call Dan or Pam at 513- 232-4009 by February 5 for details and to make your reservation

February 2 is First Friday; we need a lector for that night. Please call to be added to the listed.

Lent is 3 ½ weeks away so it is time to plan to have a successful Lent season: There are three holy practices which Catholics are called to embrace in penitential seasons such as Lent and Advent. These three practices are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

1) Prayer- Time spent in prayer should be adequate...A quarter of an hour is the absolute minimum, and anyone who is able should not hesitate to spend an hour on prayer, or even more every day...[But] A relatively short time (twenty minutes or half an hour), spent faithfully on mental prayer every day, is better than two hours now and then.

2) Fasting- The Bible spells out specific spiritual benefits of fasting. It produces humility (Ps 69:10). It shows our sorrow for our sins (1 Sam 7:6). It clears a path to God (Dan 9:3). It is a means of discerning God's will (Ezr 8:21) and a powerful method of prayer (8:23). It's a mark of true conversion (Jl 2:12). Fasting has its health benefits, but it's not the same as dieting. Fasting is something spiritual and far more positive. Fasting is a spiritual feast. It does for the soul what food does for the body. If fasting still sounds intimidating, be encouraged. Keep yourself going strong all forty days by *not* fasting on the Sundays of Lent. In fact, Sundays in Lent are not officially part of the forty days. (If they were, Lent would be forty-six days long.)

3. Almsgiving-Lent is an important time for almsgiving, and each of us must give according to our situation. I was reminded by my parish priest that almsgiving is not the tithing you're already doing—it's giving above and beyond what you normally give. It is a true penance. This isn't easy to say, but when we give alms, we are supposed to give not merely from our "plenty," but enough to make it hurt—or at least pinch. But who to give to? Do you have trouble finding trustworthy causes? When it comes to monetary gifts, *we do have to be cautious about where our funds go*. Some organizations support things that contradict Church teaching and harm souls—and some are not transparent about their use of funds. Thankfully, the Lepanto Institute has created [a helpful report on trustworthy causes](#). I have found it to be a good resource.

For those who can't give money, we can seek to give our talent (making baby blankets for [Be Not Afraid](#), as one lady does) or our time (volunteering at a homeless shelter or pregnancy center).

In summary: Pray about what alms you can give and to who. Discuss it with Jesus. "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Give it some thought, and write down your commitment.