



131 Rohde Avenue

## St. Jerome Church

131 Rohde, Cincinnati, Ohio

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### Office Hours:

1 – 5 PM Monday – Thursday

1 – 3 PM Friday

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St. Vincent DePaul: (513) 624-3147

**The Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 5, 2020**

### Mass Schedule

Saturday evening 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and First Fridays 7:30 PM

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 231-7042

## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Intention	Petitioner
Sat 7/4	5:00 PM	The Intention of Benson Lokidiriyo	His Spiritual Mother
Sun 7/5	9:30 AM	Bob and the Late Anne Dorsey on their 64 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Bob Dorsey
Tue 7/7	7:30 PM	Beth Gleason	Jane Wilke
Sat 7/11	5:00 PM	The Intentions of Kenneth and Michelle Hogan on their Tenth Wedding Anniversary	Tim and Karen Hogan
Sun 7/12	9:30 AM	Joanne Ruther	The Kamphaus Family
Tue 7/14	7:30 PM	Kathy M. Klems	Ralph DiFulvio

### Minister Assignments for July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Date/Time	Lector	Communion Minister	Servers	Ushers
Saturday 7/11 5:00 PM	Ed Harvey	None	Kellie Kallas	Bill Ellis
Sunday 7/12 9:30 AM	Mary Smiley	None	Zoe Auer	George Kamphaus

### *What's happening?*

**Tuesday 7/7                      7:30 PM                      Holy Anointing during Mass in church**

<u><i>Collections June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020</i></u> \$1,726.00	<u><i>Peter's Pence Collection</i></u> \$395.50
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### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion for Those Who Cannot Attend Mass**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

By the decree of Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, we are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. No decision has been reached on when the dispensation will be reversed. If you are uncomfortable to be around others or if you are vulnerable to illness, please consider staying home or attending a weekday Mass. If you are ill, you must stay home to avoid affecting others.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." — St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## *You wanted to know, so we looked it up*



“When Jesus arrived at the official’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd who were making a commotion, he said, ‘Go away! The girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they ridiculed him. When the crowd was put out, he came and took her by the hand, and the little girl arose. And news of this spread throughout all that land” (Matthew 9:23-26).

We’ve seen several news reports that show people ridiculing others for their faith. Not too long ago, a prominent politician ridiculed a Supreme Court nominee for being a member of the Knights of Columbus. We’ve known of incidents where school children make fun of Catholic kids in public school because they might have ashes on their foreheads or refuse to eat meat on Fridays. Often, lately, we have read social media posts in

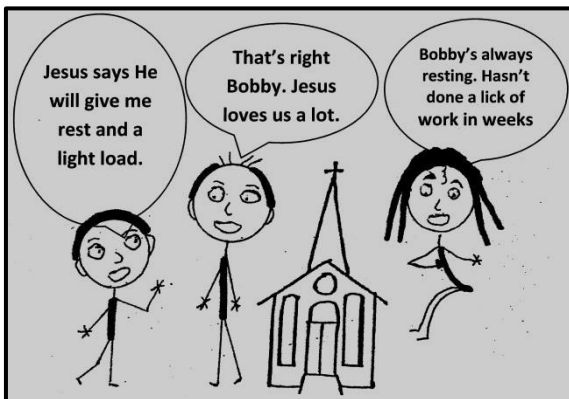
which someone makes fun of our president for his belief in God and his pro-life stance.

In today’s highly secular culture, it is not unusual to sense the surrounding animosity toward Christians and those with great sensitivity feel embarrassed to openly express their faith. Further, given the clerical abuse scandals, Catholics are singled out as targets of hostility or, at least, ridicule.

In the brief verses from the Gospel According to St. Matthew, we read that Jesus suffered ridicule but ignored it and continued His mission of Love. It’s an excellent lesson for us. Jesus suffered all kinds of ignominy but the worst was His humiliation on the Holy Cross. If He, our Lord, King, and Savior – our Teacher and our Example – has shown us how to bear these insults, then we, too, should know how. Have faith in Him and He will guide you.

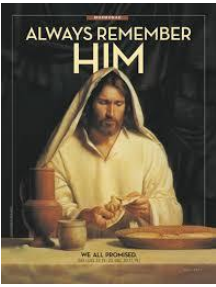
### **Buy a Book, Support Cincinnati Right to Life!**

*Drew and Stu’s Back in Time Shoes* is a clever children’s book created by Barb Coyle and Maureen Born, author and illustrator respectively, to benefit Cincinnati Right to Life. The core mission at Cincinnati Right to Life is to educate and communicate a loving message intended to change hearts and minds on abortion and build a true culture of life. Your donation for this extraordinary book enables us to continue our work for babies, mothers, and families in need! Please visit <https://give.cornerstone.cc/righttolifecincinnati+shoes> to purchase. The suggested donation is \$15.



O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

**We cannot think of any reason why anyone would leave the Church.** People do,



though, and, as we reported last week only 23% of U.S. Catholics attend Mass weekly. The excuses they give are quite amusing. In his book *Rediscovering Catholicism*, Matthew Kelly wrote “If people do not come to church it is not their failure alone; it is ours as well. We should ask ourselves, “Why are they not coming to church?” People don’t come to church because they don’t see the value in it. If we convinced them of the value, if they really understood the richness and beauty of Catholicism, they would make church an indispensable part of their lives.”<sup>1</sup>

We have found that too many Catholics do not understand the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Rather than be intimately close to Jesus, many would rather be entertained by a rock band and videos in a huge “church” building. If they knew what we know, would they leave?

Jesus said, “*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him*” (John 6: 54-56). And then, at the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the Eucharistic meal so that we could, indeed, partake of His Body and Blood (Matthew 26:26-28). Furthermore, He commanded His Apostles to continue the sacred meal.

Now, would Jesus have commanded us to eat His Body and drink His Blood if He didn’t provide a way for us to do so? He gave the Church that authority through St. Peter, the first pope and from him and the Apostles that authority was passed down to bishops and priests throughout the ages (Matthew 13:16-19). Only Catholic priests have that authority. At Mass, then, you see the miracle repeated week after week and Jesus comes directly to you.

Now that you know that, would you ever leave the Church? No? Then spread the word!

<sup>1</sup>Matthew Kelly. *Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion & Purpose* (p. 49). Blue Sparrow. Kindle Edition.

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." — St. Thomas Aquinas

By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet. [Thomas Merton](#)