

THE ANCHOR OF HOPE

In the midst of life's turmoil, hope stands as a steadfast anchor, holding our souls fast to the unshakeable promises of God. This hope, rooted in the love of Jesus Christ, is not a fleeting feeling or a wishful thinking, but a deep-seated confidence in God's goodness and faithfulness.

As we journey through the Lenten season, we are reminded that hope is not passive waiting, but an active expectation. It is the driving force behind the Church's prayer for "everyone to be saved" and her longing to be united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven.

Saint Teresa of Avila, a master of the spiritual life, exhorts us to "hope, O my soul, hope". She urges us to watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, and to trust in God's plan, even when our impatience makes doubtful what is certain. This is not a blind optimism, but a confident trust in the God who is faithful to His promises.

The Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, stands as a model of this hope. She who bore the Son of God in her womb, knew the depths of human suffering and the darkness of faith. Yet, she remained steadfast in her hope, trusting in God's plan even when it seemed impossible.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE Join us this Thursday, **April 10th, at 5:30 pm** for our annual Lenten Penitential Service. Confessions will be available in Italian, and other priests will also be available from **6-7 pm**. All are welcome to join us for this special evening and experience God's abundant mercy and love, concluding with Holy Eucharist at 7 pm.



WELCOME TO PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

We invite you to join us for our Palm Sunday celebrations on:

- Saturday, April 12th at 4pm
- Sunday, April 13th at 9am & 11am

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time when we journey with Jesus towards Easter. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!". This event is a significant moment in the life of Jesus, as it sets the stage for the events of Holy Week.

We will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with a special blessing of palms, a procession, and a Eucharistic celebration. As we begin Holy Week, we will reflect on the significance of this event and its connection to the Paschal Mystery. Join us as we begin Holy Week and reflect on the significance of this event in the life of Jesus.



St. Monica's Parish

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HOLY WEEK 2025 MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

April 12, Saturday, 4:00 pm

April 13, Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 17, 7:30 pm

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 18, 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil

April 19, Saturday, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

April 20, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Special Event

Movie Night: Risen

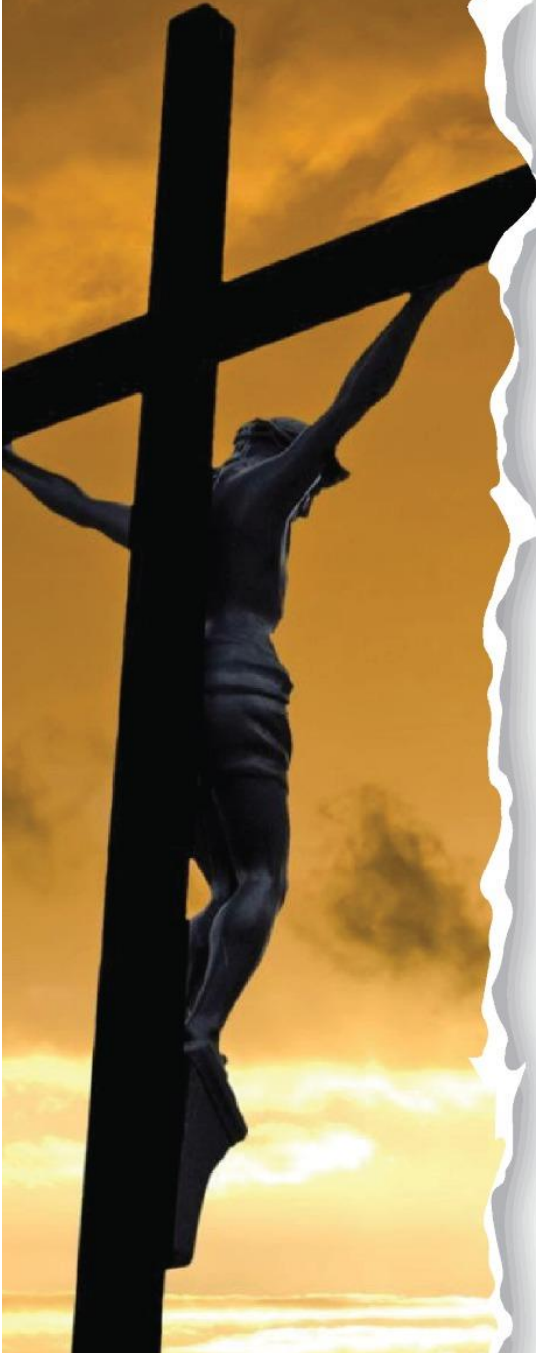
April 26, 7:00 pm, Church Hall

All are welcome!

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MASS INTENTIONS – APRIL 5 - 11, 2025

Saturday – 4:00PM – April 5, 2025: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday – 9:00AM – April 6, 2025: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Italo Falcone

John Bellini

Feni Coppa & Pietro Di Meglio

Luisa & Angelo

Michele Giangaspero

Di Meglio Family

Sunday – 11:00AM – April 6, 2025: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Leonilda Francescangeli

Ivio & Ascensa Mammone

Paola & Giuseppe Pendenza

Gino & Family

Ida Onesi & Family

Anna Cappello

Tuesday, 8:30am – April 8, 2025: Lenten Weekday

Cosmo Maiolo

Angelo D'Amico

Maria Ines Giron

Maria Ienco

Wife and Family

Carolina Lopez & Family

Wednesday, 8:30am – April 9, 2025: Lenten Weekday

Ilario & Stellina Maiolo

Living – Peter Li Kam Wa

Family

Patricia Lawrence

Thursday – 8:30am – April 10, 2025: Lenten Weekday

All Souls in Purgatory

Leteamlak Temnewo

7:00pm:

Filippo Navarra

Hélène Navarra & Family

Friday, 8:30am – April 11, 2025: Saint Stanislaus

Anna Ricci

All Souls in Purgatory

Maria Pisaturo & Family

Leteamlak Temnewo