





Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

Easter is not simply a day we celebrate—it is the very heartbeat of our faith, the quiet yet unstoppable power of God breaking into our lives here and now. The empty tomb is not only a memory of what God has done, but a living sign of what He continues to do—in us, among us, and through us each day.

We have journeyed together through the sacred path of Lent. We have stood in the shadow of the Cross, contemplating love poured out without measure. We have kept vigil in the stillness of Holy Saturday, holding onto hope even when all seemed silent. And now, in the radiant light of the Resurrection, we see that nothing remains the same. Darkness has not prevailed. Sin has not conquered. Death has not endured. In Christ, life has the final word.

Yet Easter does not meet us in some distant perfection. It comes to us precisely where we are—in our weariness, our doubts, our hidden struggles. The Resurrection is God’s gentle but decisive answer to all that feels broken within us and around us. It does not arrive with noise or spectacle, but unfolds quietly, like dawn breaking after a long night—steady, certain, and full of promise.

The Risen Lord returns not to condemn, but to restore. He comes bearing the marks of His wound no longer signs of defeat, but of mercy, healing, and unshakable love. In Him, even suffering is not erased, but transformed. Even loss is not meaningless but open to new life. This is the profound mystery of Easter: that nothing given to God is ever lost.

In a world that often rushes past pain and avoids silence, Easter invites us to see with new eyes. It calls us to recognize God at work in the hidden and the ordinary—in quiet acts of love, in patient endurance, in faith that continues even without clear answers. The Resurrection assures us that every act of goodness matters, every moment of love endures, and every step taken in faith is seen by God.

As a parish community, Easter is both a gift entrusted to us and a mission placed before us. We are called not merely to celebrate the light of Christ, but to carry it—into our homes, our relationships, our daily encounters. In the way we speak, forgive, serve, and care for one another, the Risen Christ desires to become visible again.

Easter gently challenges us: do not return to the old patterns of fear, division, or indifference. Step forward into the new life that has been opened for you. Live with deeper trust. Speak with great compassion. Love more generously and without hesitation.

As we rejoice in this sacred season, let us allow the Resurrection to take root within us—not simply as a truth we profess, but as a life we live. Let Christ renew our hearts, reshape our vision, and lead us forward with hope that does not fade.

I also take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you—your faith, your presence, your love, and your constant support for our parish, St. Monica’s. You are the living strength of this community, and through you, Christ continues His work among us.

May the peace of the Risen Lord dwell in your hearts, strengthen your lives, and guide your path always.

A blessed and grace-filled Easter to you all. Alleluia!

Fr Jaison Joseph.

## **CONTINUING THE MISSION: SUPPORT OUR PARISH**

As part of our 75th anniversary celebrations, we launched a fundraising campaign under the motto, “Preserving the Past, Building the Future.” Over the past three years, through various events and initiatives, we have made steady and meaningful progress toward our goal. These efforts have not only supported our financial needs but have also strengthened our parish community, bringing us together again after the challenges of the pandemic. In many ways, we have witnessed God’s grace at work among us.

At present, two fundraising initiatives continue to invite your participation. The first is “**The Tree of Life,**” which still has many leaves available (please refer to the flyer at the back of the church for details). The second is the **Matching Donation Campaign,** made possible through the generous commitment of a parishioner who has pledged \$25,000 to match contributions. Envelopes for this initiative are also available at the back of the church.

We remain deeply grateful for your continued generosity and support.  
With gratitude, St. Monica’s Fundraising Committee.

## **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, a beautiful invitation to encounter the endless mercy of God poured out through the Risen Christ. On this sacred day, we are reminded that His mercy is greater than our weaknesses, and His love never tires of forgiving. Let us come with trustful hearts, ready to receive His grace, and be renewed in His compassion. As we celebrate, may we also become living witnesses of mercy—gentle, forgiving, and loving toward one another. “Jesus, I trust in You.”

## **MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 4 - 10, 2026**

**Saturday, 7:00pm – April 4 – EASTER VIGIL – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**Sunday, 9:00am – April 5, 2026, EASTER SUNDAY–RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 11:00am – April 5, 2026, EASTER SUNDAY–RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

*Anna & Lorenzo Forlini*

*Erminio Forlini*

*Pasquale Coccia*

*Family*

*Natalino, Mario & Olga Cappello*

*Cappello Family*

*Sheila Nelson*

*Nelson Family*

*The Cullen Family*

*Jane Cullen*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – April 7, 2026**

*Italo Falcone*

*Luisa & Angelo*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – April 8, 2026**

*Ilario & Stellina Maiolo*

*Family*

*Flavia Spurio*

*Family*

**Thursday, 8:30am – April 9, 2026**

*Living – Souleymane Lenaud & friends*

*Hilary & Jack Raymond*

*Barbara Lawrence*

*Patricia & Elvio*

**Thursday, 7:00pm**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Friday, 8:30am – April 10, 2026**

*Deceased Members of the Lawrence & Ross Families*

*Patricia & Elvio*

*Deceased Members of the Caucci & Sparapani Families*

*Patricia & Elvio*