



# Church of St Monica

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**MARCH 29, 2015**

## **PALM SUNDAY (B)**

“Only when someone values love more highly than life, that is, only where someone is ready to put life second to love, for the sake of love, can love be stronger and more than death. If it is to be more than death it must first be more than mere life. Jesus’ total love for men, which leads him to the cross, is perfected in total stepping-over to the Father and therein becomes stronger than death, because in this it is at the same time total ‘being held’ by him.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

**PASTOR:**  
Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

**ASSOCIATES:**  
Rev. Joe A. Francis  
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**IN SUNDAY SERVICE:**  
Rev. Richard Arold

**ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**  
Mr. David Schaefer

**CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:**  
Mr. Joseph Neal

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:**  
By Appointment only.  
Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
5:00 PM on Saturdays  
Anytime by appointment

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:**  
Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

### **MASSES**

**Sundays:** 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)  
**Weekdays:** 7:30 AM & 12 NOON  
**Saturdays:** 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **HOLY WEEK**

March 30th - April 5th

Please see **Page 5** for a complete schedule of Holy Week masses and events.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKDAYS:**  
9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

**SATURDAYS:**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**SUNDAYS:**  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

## **SPECIAL DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary**  
Weekdays after the Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 12:00 NOON mass

**Holy Hour**  
First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

**Devotions**  
Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35


**SATURDAY (MARCH 28): LENTEN WEEKDAY**

5:30 PM The Canning Family (Living & Deceased)

**SUNDAY (MARCH 29): PALM SUNDAY**

7:30 AM Christine Aimone

9:00 AM Mary Jane & Emil Russo

10:30 AM Domzef Gilay

12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

**MONDAY (MARCH 30): LENTEN WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Charles E. Rice

12:00 NOON Jack Harmon

6:00 PM Stella Darling (Living)

**TUESDAY (MARCH 31): LENTEN WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Anita Devaney (Living)

12:00 NOON Christine Polydorou

6:00 PM The Devaney Family (Living & Deceased)

**WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1): LENTEN WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM Sheila Kennedy

12:00 NOON Helen Quinn

6:00 PM Priests of Saint Monica

**For the complete *Holy Week Schedule*, please see Page 5 of the bulletin.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

*"I've gone to prepare a place for you."*

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Suzie Mariniello, Dina Connallon, Elaine Smulling,  
Diane Broschart

and those wounded in Military Action.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*"I've gone to prepare a place for you."*

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Teddy Moore

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

*If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250.*

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### PALM SUNDAY

## Welcome to St. Monica's!

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found in our hymnal on the following pages:*

Opening Antiphon 518  
*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Blessing of Branches & Gospel reading 519

Procession 244  
*All Glory Laud and Honor*

Responsorial Psalm 521  
*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

Gospel Acclamation 114  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*

*Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.*

Offertory Hymn  
*Jesus, Wine of Peace (D. Haas)*  
sung by Joseph Neal

*at 10:30 & noon: Stabat Mater (T. Dubois)*  
*sung by Michael Padgett, Emily Wright-Ricciardi,*  
*& Vincent Ricciardi with the choir*

Sanctus 185  
Memorial Acclamation \*  
Great Amen \*

The Lord's Prayer 120

Lamb Of God 187

Communion Hymn 435  
*Eat This Bread*

*at noon: O Sacred Head Surrounded (J.S. Bach)*  
*sung by Nelson Roman with the choir*

Recessional Hymn  
*The Palms (J.B. Faure, adapted by D. Schaefer)*  
*sung by Sonnyia Stephens*

*\*(for texts, see pew card)*

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Today's Gospel before the blessing of the palms presents an exuberant scene. Imagine the large crowd just outside Jerusalem spreading their cloaks on the road, breaking off palm fronds, strewing them about and waving them as Jesus passes by. Hear the people shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David." As Jesus enters the city, the people there are asking, "Who is this?" The crowd accompanying him answers: "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee. This is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." A journey of joy. But a few days later Jesus took his last journey: a winding walk from the upper room on Thursday night out to the garden of Gethsemane, then to the house of Caiaphas, on to Pilate's house and courtyard, and finally, to the hill of Calvary. During this time, he was spat on and struck, stripped, scourged, and crowned with thorns; he was denounced, mocked, and ridiculed. Most likely some of the same crowd that cried out "Hosanna" cried out, "Crucify him!" It ended with his being nailed to the cross, and after three torturous hours, he died. At this journey's end, there was one final cry from a small group, a centurion and the men with him: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54). Allow some time to relive these two journeys. You might hear some things you haven't noticed before. Perhaps the words of one of the secondary characters or Jesus' response to a particular situation or his silence before another will speak to you this time.

### Living God's Word

We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully all the days of our life, recognizing him as the one who continues to come in the name of the Father bringing life. We ask that we may trust in God as Jesus did until we see God face to face.

## RECONCILIATION MONDAY

**Reconciliation Monday will be on March 30th from 4—8 PM inside the church.**

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Last month, registered parishioners should have received a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the 2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. As you know, the Cardinal's Appeal offers vital support to Catholic programs and ministries throughout the archdiocese, as well as in our own parish. Please show your support for the Appeal by making your pledge today. Your commitment has helped us reach over **\$55,000** already, and more than halfway to our **\$84,000** goal!

### THE DWELLING PLACE

Thank you to all the parishioners who gave so generously to the Dwelling Place, last Saturday and Sunday!

The Dwelling Place is a privately-funded transitional residence for women located in Midtown Manhattan. Since 1977, they've provided shelter, sustenance and support to thousands of women.

One of their favorite residents summed it up best: "It's not the food. It's not the shelter. It's the love. There's so much love." Whether you're there as a donor or volunteer, or as a woman seeking shelter, they hope that The Dwelling Place will find a special place in your heart.

If you missed them last weekend and would like to donate, please visit their website:

<http://thedwellingplaceofny.org/>

### SPECIAL MASS

On Saturday, April 11th there will be a special memorial mass with music at 12:00 noon for Pasqualina Gangemi.

### EASTER FLOWERS & GIFTS

If you are interested in donating towards the Easter Flower offering or giving a special donation this Easter, please find appropriate envelopes in the back of the church. You can drop them off during the mass collection, place them in the donation boxes throughout the church, or drop them off at the Church Rectory.

### TAX NOTES

Those parishioners wishing to receive a printed record of your contributions for the year 2014 **MUST** notify the Parish Office. Statements are mailed by request **ONLY**.

Please contact Joe Rodriguez at the Parish Office at (212) 288-6250 to request your contribution record.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**MONDAY (March 30), TUESDAY (March 31) & WEDNESDAY (April 1)**

*Masses at 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM*  
(individual confessions after Morning Prayer)

**MONDAY (March 30) OF HOLY WEEK**  
*DAY OF GOD'S LOVE*

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY (March 30)**

*Confessions continually from*  
*4 PM to 8 PM*

**HOLY THURSDAY (April 2)**

9:00 AM - *Morning Prayer & Lamentations*  
(individual confessions after Morning Prayer)

7:00 PM - *Solemn Mass of the Lord's*  
*Supper and Washing of Feet.*  
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM)

**GOOD FRIDAY (April 3)**

9:00 AM - *Morning Prayer & Lamentations*  
(individual confessions after Morning Prayer)

12 NOON - *Stations of the Cross*

3:00 PM - *Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*  
with *Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion*

8:00 PM - *Stations of the Cross*

**HOLY SATURDAY (April 4)**

9:00 AM - *Morning Prayer & Lamentations*

8:30 PM - *Easter Vigil*

**EASTER SUNDAY (April 5)**

Masses at *7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM*  
*12 NOON* with choir and Cantor

**There is no evening mass on Easter Sunday**

## COVER SHEET

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