

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:15am + Livestream

Emmanuel Church

of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11:30 AM



Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00am-3:00 pm

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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Walk with us on:



St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

We are a Resurrection people rooted in our rich Catholic heritage. We are growing in the *SPIRIT*, as individuals and as a faith community. We answer the CALL to LIVE

OUT our Baptismal VOCATION in our daily lives, bringing the LIGHT of Christ's presence to our families, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the WORLD.

We dare to LIVE the LIFE of Jesus Christ, transforming discouragement into HOPE, fear into LOVE, isolation into COMMUNITY.

Join us Online!

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Visit our website to get connected to all our online resources, including Mass, faith activities and reflections, online giving, and ways to get involved.

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“Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!”

- Mark 11


March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Did you know? Our website, stmonicaofrochester.org, is your one-stop shop for all our online offerings. On our homepage you will find links to Mass videos, social media, online giving, outreach opportunities, virtual gatherings, at-home faith tools, and more! Visit our website and follow us on social media for even more ways to stay connected to our community. For help or to join the parish email list and receive our weekly news, email monicabulletin@dor.org.

Confessions Saturdays during lent from 2:30-3:30 or by appointment – call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, March 23	Rita Pugliese - Sheilla Wray	
Sun, March 24	Norman Reigelsperger - Peggy Reigelsperger	
Tues, March 26	Thomas McGary - Donna Whitehair	
Wed, March 27	All Parishioners	
Thurs, March 28	Holy Thursday: Evening of the Lord's Supper	
Fri, March 29	Good Friday: Passion of the Lord at Immaculate Conception Church	
Sat, March 30	Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil	
Sun, March 31	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	

Let Us Pray

**An end to racism
All those affected by violence
God's creation**


 **THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Andrea Christ, Terry Redfield, Jr.

Lamp Intentions for March

 **SANCTUARY LIGHT**
All parishioners who are sick

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT
Riley, Sara & Norman Will
Doris Will Meadows

 **Robert & Jean Vane**
Children/Family

Holy Week 2024

St. Monica Church,
Emmanuel Church of the Deaf,
and Immaculate Conception/
St. Bridget's Church


Palm Sunday Mass: March 24	9:00 am - Immaculate Conception 10:00 am - St. Monica Church & Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: March 28	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration
Good Friday Service: March 29	Noon - Immaculate Conception 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter:	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Easter Vigil: March 30	7:01 pm St. Monica Church

MASS CHANGE!
Easter Sunday Mass: March 31
10:00 am @ St. Monica Church
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
All are welcome, especially you!


THANK YOU
to all who gave candy
for our Easter egg hunt!
You are truly Christ for
our children! ♥✝



Congratulations, St. Monica family! We have reached our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal for this year. Because of you, our community can continue to work to be the light of Christ in the world. Thank you for the care and kindness you show the world through St. Monica's!



Bring your old palms – we will burn them for next year's Ash Wednesday ashes. Place in baskets by each door.



This Week at St. Monica Church: March 10-17, 2024	
Sunday, 3/24	10:00 am – Palm Sunday Mass & Pageant, Church
Monday, 3/25	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 3/26	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 3/27	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 3/28	7:00 pm – Holy Thursday Mass, Church
Friday, 3/29 Office Closed	12:00 pm – Good Friday Service, Immaculate Conception Church 6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Saturday 3/30	7:01 pm – Easter Vigil, Church
Sunday, 3/31 Easter Sunday	10:00 am – Easter Sunday Mass, Church 11:00 am – Egg Hunt, Church Lawn

JOIN US APRIL 8TH, 2024

Eclipse Block Party

2:00-4:00 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT
831 GENESEE STREET

Excitement and entertainment,
and blessings from our ministers!
Eclipse glasses available.




Help us live out our parish mission statement and create an inviting environment for our neighbors! Volunteers needed to give church tours and staff the St. Monica info booth, games booth, and snack booth. Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up!

Our youth need you!
Bring your time and chef skills to feed the teens in our youth group.
Can you give one Wednesday to help?

CHEFS NEEDED YOUTH GROUP DINNER

-  → Wednesdays 6:30 pm
-  → Cook and serve dinner to teens
-  → Feed physical and spiritual hunger!
-  → Donate ingredients or let St. Monica's buy them

CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO SIGN UP!

Parish Bookkeeper - seeking qualified applicants for this 25-hr position that will oversee all disbursement and collection activities of multiple parishes. Degree in accounting or finance required. Please send resume to Carol Wynne at carol.wynne@dor.org.

Follow Jesus with us:
www.stmonicaofrochester.org
 [@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)
 [@st.monicachurch](https://www.instagram.com/st.monicachurch)
 [St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/St.MonicaChurch-Mass)

Emergency Food: If you are in need of emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?
You are welcome at St. Monica Catholic Church! **Do you want to know more about how to join the parish?** Call the parish office today at 235-3340. It's that easy!

How do I give my offering?

- Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to **St. Monica Church 34 Monica St. Rochester, NY 14619**
- OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.
- Text 2 Give:** Text your donation amount to 226-7514. Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!



VOLUNTEERS:
All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating a Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.

Bulletin


Did you sign up to receive the bulletin by email but are no longer receiving it? Please check your email settings to ensure you allow emails from monicabulletin@dor.org. Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email monicabulletin@dor.org.

Our links in the bulletin are live! If you are viewing this bulletin electronically, hold down Ctrl and click links in the bulletin to visit those sites.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:
Please send submissions by 4pm on Sundays: monicabulletin@dor.org with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Our Collection: Week of March 17, 2024

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
3/17/2024	2,900	3,421	521
Year-to-Date	130,050	127,305	(2,745)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)	\$403		
CMA	\$26,000	\$26,000	100%



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**
Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.
To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Deborah House
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Creation Corner

A Palm Sunday Message from Mother Earth

My Dear People,

You might say for as long as I've been around, I've been God's storyteller, revealing how the Divine moves through death into new life. Asteroids, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, changes in the makeup of the atmosphere, land masses, sea levels, climate, life forms, even mass extinctions. ☹️

I have survived - and thrived - in surprising ways.

I'm destined to survive for at least another 7 billion years. I'm not the one who needs saving. It's you I'm worried about.

The environment that's been a home for you, shaped and crafted over so many eons to suit you perfectly - it's on the verge of a change that could spiral into catastrophic consequences leading to immense human suffering.

And this time the change is happening sooo fast- there's little I can do to ameliorate it without your help.

What we could do together if our relationship were different!

I have so much I could still teach you if only you thought I was wise enough to listen to.

I am being critical of the mess you've made but I'm not blaming you - that's not my way, or our Creator's either.

What I want you to hear in my voice is the call of the prophets of your Scriptures saying: "Repent - turn around - straighten out your relationships to me, to each other, to your God." Have you lost sight of who you are meant to be?

I've watched you grow from a drop of water, a pinch of stardust, and the breath of the Holy One. The acts of valor, the acts of caring, the generosity, the love, the simple goodness I've witnessed in you, time and time again, fill me with awe.

It's the Love in you that will lead us back from the brink. I know you can do it.

All creation has been loved into and for Sacred Being. You are part of a family of relationships. And you have a special gift to offer - the gift of responsibility. You can choose what your response will be in the face of this crisis.

So, as you reflect and pray this Holy Week, consider your gift of responsibility and the choices you make, and take courage and hope from the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of your beloved Jesus.

With Love and Faith, Your Mother

Stations of the Cross will only be online this year. Please join us virtually: <https://bit.ly/49fh9xc>

Early Voting Changes for March!

Legislation passed (A.7690/S.7550) and signed by the Governor last September (Chapter 474 of the Laws of 2023) changes the early voting period for the 2024 Presidential primary. Early voting for the upcoming Presidential primary election will take place between Saturday, March 23, 2024, and Saturday, March 30, 2024. **There will be no Early Voting on Sunday, March 31, 2024.**

For the Presidential primary, early voting poll sites will now be open for at least 9 hours on each of the 8 days. Please visit your county board of elections website for more information on early voting locations and hours.



The Rusty Halos senior luncheon at Ezzy's is always a blast! Keep an eye on the bulletin to join the next one!



CLARISSA STREET LEGACY & TEEN EMPOWERMENT PRESENT...

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

CLARISSA UPROOTED

THE EXHIBIT

Unearthing Stories of our Village
(1940s-early 1970s)

Opening: February 21, 2024
Wednesdays 3pm - 7:30pm // Saturdays Noon - 4pm
Rundel Memorial Building, 115 South Ave (riverside), 2nd floor, Rochester NY
Parking and Bus Info available at www.roccitylibrary.org/location/central

Learn more at www.clarissaprooted.org

"Clarissa Uprooted energized me and shifted my focus."

"Relatable stories that put faces and names to the repercussions... incredibly powerful."

"Soul filling"

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Supporting local businesses that invest, bring vitality and food options to St. Monica's neighborhood is one way we can bring the light of Christ's presence.

The Wok restaurant at 912 Genesee St. in the Brooks Landing development has the 19th Ward's most spacious dining room for lunch, dinner, meetings, and parties. The menu features Asian favorites from Vietnam, Thailand, China, and Japan - all made fresh to order. Sushi and bubble tea are also popular.



Owners Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Luong are celebrating their 10th year on Genesee Street. It's a true mom & pop business where visitors might meet the owners' daughters doing homework at a corner table.

The Wok is open 11 am to 9 pm Tuesday through Sunday for dine-in, take-out and delivery. Order by phone at 235-7888 or visit <https://eatatwok.us/>.