



## **Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year 2025**

Lent 2025

Dear Parishioners,

This Jubilee Year marks the 2025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Jesus. His birth sets the stage for what will be brought about by his life, death and resurrection. Throughout Lent and Holy Week, we will remember in vivid and liberating detail—through the Sacred Rites and Liturgies—those key events that brought about our salvation and changed the trajectory of human history.

Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, in his book *What Happens at Mass*, says that everything in the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures) points to, and leads away from the Exodus, where God, through signs and wonders, liberated his people from slavery in Egypt. Similarly, the New Testament points to and leads away from those events of that First Holy Week in Jerusalem which harken back to the first Exodus and take it further than Moses could have imagined. God himself, in the person of Jesus Christ leads us through a new Exodus, namely, his Passover from death to life which gives us hope for salvation. By these saving acts, all humanity is called to true liberty from sin and death forever.

As *Pilgrims of Hope* we travel with Jesus through the Lenten Season making spiritual connections as we encounter him in devotions and liturgical prayer. This letter is accompanied by a brochure articulating ways in which you can walk along with Jesus, bask in his love and mercy, and be inspired to engage in his new and eternal Exodus.

May God bless you and your loved ones with a holy and spiritually rewarding Lent and Easter season.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John Kerns".

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