

## “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”

### LENTEN RECOLLECTION – ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH (FOLSOM)

April 5, 2025, Saturday

9:00 – 9:15	Registration
9:15 – 9:30	Reflection Songs
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome Remarks by Rev. Giovanni Gamas
9:45 – 10:45	<b>Talk I: “Missionaries of Hope” by Rev. Mark Reburiano</b> “Missionaries of Hope” is Pope Francis’ call for Catholics to actively spread hope through our faith, actions, and example, especially in the face of suffering, injustice, and uncertainty. We are encouraged to be the active agents of hope, transforming the world around us through our faith and actions. By being “Pilgrims of Hope”, we are on a journey with a sense of purpose, faith, and devotion. “Pilgrims” means persistence, even in the face of adversity, and “Hope” means that the journey is fueled by an optimistic vision of the future.
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break (Garden Room)
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Talk II: “Hope does not Despair Part I” by Rev. Mark Reburiano</b> Hope is a virtue that is closely tied to trust in God’s promises and goodness. We are confident that, even in the moments of suffering or uncertainty, His love and mercy will prevail. Despair is the lack of trust in God’s ability to redeem and guide us through challenges.
12:00 – 12:45	LUNCH (Garden Room)
12:45 – 1:00	Reflection Songs
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Talk III: “Hope does not Despair Part II” by Rev. Mark Reburiano</b> Hope, rooted in our faith, does not lead to despair. But rather, it helps one endure trials with the confidence that God’s grace is at work.
2:00 – 2:15	Coffee Break (Garden Room)
2:15 – 3:15	<b>Talk IV: Hope as A Mission of the Church” by Rev. Mark Reburiano</b> Hope is integral to the mission of the Church. It is the message it shares, the strength it offers in times of trial, and the vision it holds for a more just and loving world. Through hope, the Church points people toward a life filled with purpose, grounded in the promises of God.
3:15 – 3:45	Q&A and Closing Remarks --- Lili Rehwald
3:45 – 4:00	Reflection Songs
5:00	Holy Mass ---- Fr. Giovanni Gamas and Fr. Mark Reburiano

\* Regular confession will take place in the church beginning at 2:00 pm while talk is in progress.