

PARISH MISSION FORMAT

Fr. Larry is the full-time pastor and only priest at his church St. Joseph Church, Bread of Life Community, so he can no longer speak live at your Parish Masses on the weekend before a mission. This has not been a problem as long as your Parish uses the 10 minute DVD and plays it at ALL THE MASSES either the weekend before, or the weekend of, the parish mission. In this DVD Fr. Larry is in his Mass vestments and is speaking from his parish church and it is the exact same homily that he gives to every parish at all the Masses to encourage people to come to the mission. This is a very effective tool to bring people to the mission as long as it is played during the homily at the masses. You will need to rent either a big screen TV and a DVD player, or which works much better, you can rent a Big Screen(s) and play the DVD with a computer and projector. The DVD must be shown or Father will not come.

First Night

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - PRAYER

The theme of this night is to talk about God's Love and our need to respond to this love by putting Him first in our lives, and the importance of prayer. We will also have a "How to" about prayer.

Materials needed:

- Someone to "act out" the person in "If God should speak".
- A copy of the enclosed Prayer Sheet
- A pen or pencil for each person
- 5 small sheets of paper per person (can be as small as 2" x 2")

Second Night

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - MASS - LOVE OF OTHERS

The theme of this night is to live the only commandment of Jesus: "Love one another as I have loved you." This night, the talk is part of the Mass and we will focus on the need to love others especially our families, and the importance to tell the people that we love that we love them. We also deal with the necessity of reaching out to the poor, and also the need for the parish community to be a place of love.

Materials needed:

- Supplies for Mass.
- Servers for Mass.

- 1 Lector
- We will need musicians to play Mass parts and songs during the Eucharistic Liturgy. They will also have to play some instrumental music in background during letter writing after the homily.

Third Night

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - CONFESSION

The theme for this night is repentance and the need to go to confession. This night includes an intense passion talk followed by a detailed examination of conscience. There is a need for many priests for confessions this night. Confessions will start about 8:30-8:45 PM and I have rarely been done before midnight, so the more priests the better, depending on the number of people.

Materials needed:

- A copy of the enclosed “Sins that need to be confessed.” sheet for each person
- Music needs to be played in the background during confessions - this can be from a life group or a CD, or a mixture of both.
- A copy of the enclosed “How Your Donations Can Help” sheet for each person.

Fourth Night

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - ADORATION AND HEALING

*The theme this night is the Eucharist, and we will have adoration and then we will have a healing service as part of the adoration. I will bring blessed oil from St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal, and we will anoint those people who seek it. **THIS IS NOT THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK, but a sacramental anointing.** We then end the Parish Mission with a commitment to Jesus Christ especially in His Sacramental Presence.*

Materials needed:

- A copy of the enclosed Prayer Sheet
- **Other priests or deacons and lay ministers** to help with the anointing rite using the enclosed formula. You can have up to 12 priests, deacons and lay ministers anoint.
- Need music played during the anointing rite and also during the Eucharistic procession.
- Something to wash our hands after the anointing. Hand sanitizer works well.

- Ushers to take up the “Mission collection” which is taken tonight towards the end of the night.
- Monstrance, thurifer, boat, incense, candles, cope, humeral veil, bells etc.
- Servers for Benediction and Eucharistic Procession.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

ALL Parish activities such as Bingo, Religious Education, Choir practice etc. must be cancelled while Father Larry is conducting the Mission. It is an ALL-Parish Mission, which also means that *the pastor and the entire staff attend every night of the Mission.* Also, if you have a High School Youth Group, please get them involved! They can read, hand out materials, etc. The youth will bring their parents!

Daily Mission Checklist



First Night

- Need a portable microphone for Fr. Larry to use.
- People to hand out the Sunday Night Prayer Service sheets, five sheets of paper and the pencils. (Each person needs five small sheets of paper, this can be 3x5 index cards cut in half, or small pieces of paper stapled together.) You can also just have them placed in the pews at the beginning of the night
- Need someone to read the part of the person who prays the *Lord's Prayer* in the "If God Should Speak." (***This person should be a male who is a little overweight and can be very animated.***) The person will need to practice this with Fr. Larry before the night begins.
- We need a musician to play the closing song of "Hear I am." If this is just not practical this night we can just sing it acappella.

Second Night

- Need a portable microphone for Fr. Larry to use.
- Mass supplies
- Servers for Mass.
- 1 Lector for Mass – the regular daily Mass reading.
- If needed*, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help with communion. ***Please note we will only receive communion in one species tonight – His Body. This is important to help save time.***
- Musicians to play Mass parts and songs during the Eucharistic Liturgy. They can use any music that the congregation knows and likes to sing. There is a Music Guidelines sheet to give to the musicians.
- Blue envelopes should be left at the door. Do not hand out.

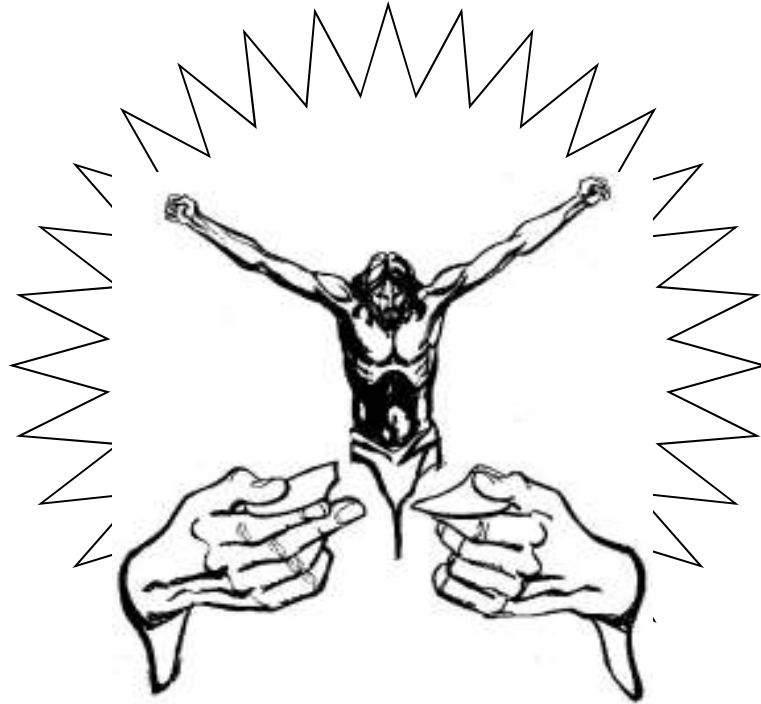
Third Night

- Portable microphone for Fr. Larry to use.
- Need people to hand out the “Sins that need to be confessed” papers.
- If possible*, it would be good to have a crucifix (suffering Christ) in the center of the Sanctuary for the people to mediate on during passion talk. The bigger, the better! If you have only a resurrection cross, you will also need to have a crucifix in the sanctuary .
- Need priests, **PLEASE - THE MORE THE BETTER!** Tell them they do not have to be there until 8:30 –8:45 PM.
- Important: Father Larry must hear confessions in an open space and not in a closed space area or confessional to avoid any appearance of impropriety.
- Also need background music to be played while the people go to confession, this can be live or CD or tape.
- Please have a bottle of water for this night during and after his presentation.
- Hand out “How Your Donations Can Help” sheet for each person.
- Blue envelopes should be left at the door. Do not hand out.

Fourth Night

- Portable microphone for Fr. Larry to use.
- 1 Pen or pencil per person.
- Blue envelopes should be left at the door. Do not hand out.
- The Holy Spirit Prayers cards are to be handed out at the door. This is a gift from Fr. Larry.
- “Registration and donation card” for the Foundation should also be handed out at the door that night.
- Servers for Exposition, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction.
- Monstrance, thurifer, boat, incense, candles, cope, humeral veil, bells, etc.
- We will need up to 12 priests, deacons and lay ministers to help with the anointing rite using the enclosed formula, or a similar formula.
- Wet-wipes or dish of water and towels for cleaning of hands after the anointing. Hand Sanitizer works well.
- We need musicians to play either Eucharistic songs, or background instrumental music during the Eucharistic Procession, and healing songs, or again instrumental music during the anointing rite. Again all this is explained on the Music Guidelines Sheet.
- We need ushers to take up the MISSION COLLECTION, which is taken towards the end of the night. At this time the registration and donation cards are also collected.

- Most Parishes have some kind of reception at the end of the Mission. If this is done then you will need people to set up for that.



*"They recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread."
- Luke 24:35*