

General Information on having Father Larry Speak at a Parish Mission

Father Larry is available for Parish Missions on a **limited basis**. (Please remember that Father Larry is a pastor of a parish first!)

Parish Missions

Father Larry has done many Parish Missions over the past 25+ years. Father continues to receive many requests each year and is not able to fulfill them all because of his commitment to his own parish where he is Pastor. He values his time away from his own parish, and therefore tries to reach as many people as possible when he is away from his parish for 4 days. For this reason, Father cannot come to a parish to have a full Parish Mission unless the parish has at least 1500 families. However, he is available for a day or night talk, but not a Parish Mission. The Mission starts with Father Larry speaking at all the parish weekend Masses **through a 10-minute DVD**. Again, since he is a fulltime Pastor and needs to be at his parish on weekends, the DVD works very well, and it **MUST** be shown at the Masses if Father Larry is going to do the mission. If the parish is not willing to show the video, Father Larry cannot come to the parish. He then gives talks each night from 7:00 - 9:00 PM (or 6:30 - 8:30 PM) beginning Sunday or Monday evening and running through Wednesday or Thursday evening. The themes for these nights are as follows: First night is ***God's Love and Prayer***; Second night, done in the context of a Mass, deals with ***Love of Others***; Third night is the talk on the ***Passion of Christ and the Need for Confession*** and is followed by individual confessions; Last night is on ***Adoration and Healing*** and is done in the context of Eucharistic Adoration and a Healing Service. *Please note: This is the only way Father Larry does Parish Missions and **will not** change the format. If there is something that the pastor is not comfortable with, then Father Larry would rather not come to do the mission at all.* PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE **ENTIRE** PACKET AND SHARE IT WITH THE PASTOR FIRST. THE PASTOR MUST BE IN 100% AGREEMENT WITH THE WHOLE PACKET! Your pastor (NOT a delegate) then must write saying that the Pastor has read all the Parish Mission material and that he agrees to do everything that is necessary for the Mission. Only then will the mission be booked.

Important Information on Parish Activities:

Please cancel all other Parish activities such as Bingo, etc. while Father Larry is conducting a Mission. It is an ALL-Parish Mission, which 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!

Responsibilities of the Pastor

1. The Pastor will be an integral part of the Parish Mission Preparation Team from start to finish. The Pastor should be 100% in support of the Parish Mission and encourage the Parish and Staff to come every night.
 2. The Video must be shown at all Masses during the Homily time. There can also be a short Homily before or after the video.
 3. The Pastor will have dinner with Father Larry each evening. Father Larry would also like to have dinner with the other priests of the Parish. (Please note that Father will have breakfast and lunch on his own.)
 4. On the first night of the Parish Mission, the Pastor will welcome everyone to his parish and the Parish Mission and then briefly introduce Father Larry.
 5. On the second night of the Parish Mission, the Pastor and all the priests are encouraged to concelebrate the Mass.
 6. On the third night of the Parish Mission, the Pastor will hear confessions. (It is best NOT to have the other confessors for an early dinner before the Parish Mission starts because confessions will not start until 8:15 p.m.; this is sometimes too long for the priests to wait around. Most of the priests will not want to come to the Parish Mission that night, only for confessions afterwards.)
 7. On the last night of the Parish Mission, the Pastor will help with the anointing ceremony. On this night the more priests, deacons, and lay ministers who do the anointing rite, the better it will be.
 8. Also, on the last night at the end of the Parish Mission, the Pastor will thank the Parish Mission Preparation Team for their hard work, and also thank the people for coming and then invite them to the reception afterwards (if there is one).
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Travel

All travel expenses are to be covered by the sponsoring parish. If Father Larry drives to your location, mileage (at the current rate), and any car rental expenses (plus gas) and any hotel expenses incurred are also your responsibility. If Father Larry flies, he will book his own flight arrangements and then bill your parish. You can be assured that Father Larry always secures the least expensive and most direct flights. Father Larry needs to be back in Erie by late afternoon or evening on Saturday so he can be available for Sunday Mass, unless he has made other arrangements specifically for your event. During his stay, Father Larry will rent his own car. Please have a check made out to “*The Reason For Our Hope Foundation*” to cover traveling costs.

Sale of Media and Books:

Media and books to be sold at the Parish Mission will be provided by The Reason For Our Hope Foundation. It is requested that no other vendors offer for sale media and books by Father Larry, i.e., Lighthouse Media, Ignatius Press, and bookstore retailers. Prior to your Parish Mission, contact the office at 814-455-7364 to provide the name, address, email, and phone number of the person in charge of media and book sales. Media and books will be mailed in advance of the event to the person in charge. Arrangements should be made to have at least two persons available at the table during the Parish Mission to manage sales.

Meals & Accommodations:

Father Larry would prefer not to stay in an individual’s home for a Parish Mission. He should be housed at either the Parish rectory or at a hotel. While at a particular Parish, dinners are to be provided. This can be out at a restaurant or brought in. *If you are bringing in food, Father Larry eats a low-carb diet due to his diabetes, so please have bottled water & diet soda available, and all dinners need to be low-carbohydrate only - with no diabetic items, and no desserts please. (One note – he hates fish! 😊)*

Cost:

Father Larry does not have a set fee for a Parish Mission. Father asks that a free-will collection be taken on the last night of a Parish Mission. **Checks are to be made payable to the parish hosting the Parish Mission with “Parish Mission” written on the check.** If a person is not present on Thursday night for the free-will offering, pre-addressed envelopes will be available for mailing in a donation. All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE! The Foundation also accepts donations using a credit card online through our website at www.thereasonforourhope.org or by calling the Foundation office at 814-455-7364.

More Information:

If you would like to receive further information about having Father Larry speak at your parish, please contact Moe Trabold at 814-455-7364. ***Please note that only requests submitted to her or online at www.thereasonforourhope.org/speaking-engagements/ will be considered by Father Larry.*** Father Larry schedules Parish Missions one time during the year in the month of July for the following calendar year.

How to Organize a Parish Mission

The purpose of organizing a Committee to prepare for a Parish Mission is to pave the way for parishioners to experience the graces of a Parish Mission through prayer, creativity, hospitality, nourishment, and fellowship, and to provide a comfortable, inviting atmosphere for those attending the mission.

Timeline:

Begin to organize a Committee to prepare for your Parish Mission approximately six months prior to the Parish Mission dates. Parish Council members, Extraordinary Ministers, lectors, Liturgy Committee members, greeters, ushers, Catholic school representatives, Knights of Columbus, prayer group leaders, youth group leaders, and Religious Education director and teachers are just some examples of those who should get involved. Try to get someone from each of those groups on the Parish Mission Committee so they can communicate to their ministries about the mission and to solicit help.

Chairperson/Coordinator of Team:

Each Parish needs a chairperson who coordinates a team of volunteers to assist with the many aspects of the Parish Mission.

Prayer:

Father Larry wrote a special prayer to be said in anticipation of a Parish Mission. A copy of this Parish Mission Prayer is attached to this document. Father asks that you say this as a community prayer at Mass after the intercessions in the last month leading up to the Parish Mission. Our hope is that the power of prayer will lead many people to the Parish Mission and ultimately to a closer relationship with God

Child Care:

Providing childcare is important, as it allow parents with young children the opportunity to attend if they did not have a babysitter at home.

Phone Calls:

Consider calling every family in the parish to invite them to the Mission. Various ministries within your church such as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers may be able to help in this area. You can also offer transportation if anyone expresses they do not have a way to get there. If there is no answer, leave a message. It is possible that you may reach people who have not been regularly attending Mass.

Publicity Committee:

The Publicity Committee is a key component to the success of having a large number of people attend the Mission. One parishioner should lead this committee as the chairperson. Six months prior to the Mission, this chairperson should be in contact with Moe Trabold, Executive Director of The Reason For Our Hope Foundation, at 814-455-7364. This committee must be in place to promote the Mission in the six months leading up to the start of the mission.

Father Larry receives many requests for Parish Missions each year, and it is not possible to fulfill each one. The parishes that were not able to be scheduled for a Mission may be in close proximity to your parish, and therefore, by advertising in other area bulletins and the newspaper, these people could attend the Mission as well. Also, many parishes have only about 40% of the total available Catholics in the area attending and supporting the parish. So it is important to reach those who are away from the church for some reason. Radio stations, newspapers, diocesan publications, and television bulletin boards are effective means to reach these people. A timely article on the religion page of the local newspaper is also a highly effective tool. Included in this Packet for Parish Missions is a sample press release that you could submit to your local radio stations, television stations, and newspapers.

Parish bulletin reminders should begin weeks before the Mission in order to allow people to reserve the time on their calendars. Included in this Packet for Parish Missions is a flyer that you can download and place in strategic places such as bulletin boards for nearby churches and Catholic schools, grocery stores, other retail stores, and businesses owned or managed by parishioners. If your parish has a website is especially important to post information about the Mission on your website.

Meeting once a month with the Publicity Committee will help facilitate the objectives of the committee. Attached is “Publicity Committee Checklist” of suggested items in a timeline format to be accomplished by the Publicity Committee in order to successfully reach as many people as possible to attend the Parish Mission.

A 10-minute DVD, to be played at all the Masses either the weekend before or the weekend of the Parish Mission, will be mailed to your pastor at the beginning of the year. In this DVD Father 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 highly effective tool to bring people to the Mission. It must be shown in place

of the homily at the Masses, or it can be played before or after the homily. The video must be shown at all Masses or Father Larry will not come. This DVD is available for review now on our website at: <https://www.thereasonforourhope.org/speaking-engagements/>.

Music Ministry:

The Music Ministry within your church is an important part of the Parish Mission. Please have the leader of the Music Ministry review the “Parish Mission Guidelines for Musicians” which is a part of the Packet for Parish Missions.

Greeters:

Each night, you will need greeters at all the doors, holding baskets with the items they will need on that evening; pencils, pens, paper, list of sins to confess, etc.

Ushers:

Finding seats for everyone is such an important welcoming gesture. Set up chairs to make sure no one has to stand. This is God’s Home. He is a hospitable God.

Media and Books:

CDs, DVDs, and books are made available for the Parish Mission through The Reason for Our Hope Foundation. All media will be shipped ahead of time to your Parish, along with price cards for the media and a price list. The parish contact will be sent an email with UPS tracking numbers and a list of the inventory shipped. Each night of the Parish Mission, the media should be available for sale both before and after the Parish Mission. Shortly after the Mission is completed, your parish contact will receive a call from the foundation regarding shipping the media and the price cards back to us, as well as the proceeds from sales.

Publicity Committee Checklist for Parish Mission

Approximately 6 months prior to Parish Mission:

- Establish and meet with a Publicity Committee to organize publicity for the event. Also contact Moe Trabold at The Reason For Our Hope Foundation at 814-455-7364 to advise her of the name and phone number of the chairperson for the Publicity Committee.
- Place a brief announcement in the Parish bulletin announcing the upcoming Parish Mission and asking the parishioners to “save the dates.”

Approximately 5 months prior to Parish Mission:

- Prepare a flyer to be placed on bulletin boards for your parish, nearby churches and Catholic schools, grocery stores, other retail stores, and businesses owned or managed by parishioners. Look in the online publicity packet for a sample flyer. Make a list of all places that the flyers could be displayed, including your parish bulletin boards, nearby churches and Catholic schools, grocery stores, religious bookstores, other retail stores, and businesses owned or managed by parishioners.
- Send a copy of the flyer to Moe Trabold at The Reason For Our Hope Foundation.

Approximately 4 months prior to the Parish Mission:

- Complete the sample press release with the details of your Parish Mission. Make a list of the various area radio stations, newspapers, diocesan publications, and television bulletin boards that the press release can be sent to. Gather all details on the proper person to distribute the press release to.
- Send a copy of the press release to Moe Trabold at The Reason For Our Hope Foundation.

Approximately 3 months prior to the Parish Mission:

- Prepare a Facebook Event for your Parish Mission and send the link to Moe Trabold at mtrabold@thereasonforourhope.org . She will post the link on *The Reason For Our Hope Foundation Facebook page*. The event will also be posted on our website under *Upcoming Events*.
- Contact Moe Trabold at The Reason For Our Hope Foundation at 814-455-7364 to advise her of the progress of the Publicity Committee.

Approximately 2 months prior to the Parish Mission:

- If you do not plan to use the prayer that Father Larry wrote to be said in anticipation of a Parish Mission, then prepare your own prayer. This prayer will be said after the intercessions at Mass starting approximately one month before the Mission.
- Hand deliver the press releases to the area radio stations, newspapers, diocesan publications, and television bulletin boards to the specific contact person.
- Post a flyer on your church bulletin boards.
- Distribute flyers to each ministry area of your parish, i.e., Parish Council, rosary society, family ministry, liturgical ministry, usher ministry, RCIA, Religious Education, music ministry, and if there is a school affiliated with your parish, a flyer could be sent home with the students.
- Distribute the flyers to the list you previously prepared of nearby churches and Catholic schools, grocery stores, religious bookstores, other retail stores, and businesses owned or managed by parishioners.
- Post the Parish Mission information on your church website.

Approximately 1 month prior to the Parish Mission:

- Start to say the Parish Mission Prayer after intercessions at all the Masses for the month leading up to the Mission.
- Place a telephone call to your contact at the area radio stations, newspapers, diocesan publications, and television bulletin boards, to remind them of the upcoming Mission and to answer any questions they may have.
- Place an announcement in your church bulletin to be run for the three weeks leading up to the Parish Mission.
- Check with your pastor to be sure that he received the DVD to be played at all the Masses either the weekend before or the weekend of the Parish Mission.

Approximately 1 week prior to or the Sunday before the start of the Parish Mission:

- Play the DVD from Father Larry at all the Masses. Father Larry is in his Mass vestments and is speaking from his parish church, and it is the exact same homily he gives to every parish at all the Masses to encourage people to come to the Mission. This is a highly effective tool to bring people to the Mission as long as it is played during the homily at the Masses. You will need a big screen television and a DVD player. This DVD will be mailed to the pastor at the beginning of the year and must be played at all the Masses. It is also available at our website at: <https://www.thereasonforourhope.org/speaking-engagements/> .
- Contact Moe Trabold at The Reason For Our Hope Foundation at 814-455-7364.



Parish Mission Prayer

Holy Father, great God of love and mercy, You have surrendered everything for love of us. May we learn to surrender everything for love of You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may do Your will and not our own. Help us to love You above all things and to love Your people the way You have commanded us. Quiet our minds and hearts that we may be open to the gift of Your truth, and grant that our Parish Mission may be:

- a time of Grace for all,
- a time of growth for the young,
- a time of refreshment for the old,
- a time of renewal for families,
- a time of healing for the broken,
- a time of joy for the sorrowing,
- a time of challenge for the complacent,
- a time of forgiveness for the sinner,
- a time of strength for the holy,
- a time of homecoming for all who have been away.

We beg You these things, Holy Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.



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SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

Your Letterhead Here

Media Advisory

For immediate Release until *(date after event)*

WHO: *Contact: name*
phone number/email
times of day phone is answered
your website

WHAT: PARISH MISSION

Father Larry Richards, a popular Conference Speaker and pastor from Erie, PA, will conduct a four-day mission at *(Insert place here)*. The purpose of the mission is to help people grow in their love for God and give them hope and direction in their daily lives.

WHEN: *(day, date, time beginning and ending)*

WHERE: *(name of location, address, city)*

COST: FREE (free will offering last night of mission)

SPONSORED BY: *(name of parish or organization)*

TEXT:

Father Larry Richards has conducted hundreds of Parish Missions, Conferences and Retreats. He is known to make the love of God real in his presentations. Father Larry is the founder of *The Reason for Our Hope Foundation* and has many Media presentations on *The Truth*, *The Mass explained*, and *Confession* with hundreds of thousands distributed worldwide and now available at OurHope.TV. At all his Parish Missions, Father Larry promises two things: One, you will never be bored; and two, your life will be changed forever. Come and experience this truth for yourself. Each night of the Parish Mission has a different theme: Monday Night is about knowing God's Love and practical information on how to pray. On Tuesday night, the focus is the gift of the Mass and the importance of family. The central theme of Wednesday Night is the forgiveness of sins through the Passion of Jesus Christ. Thursday night is the Healing Service and the beginning of the new life of discipleship.

[You may also wish to include some quotes from the testimonials on the front page of our website]



Father Larry Richards

Full Bio

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author, Father Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life's most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner-city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor, and an evangelist. Father Larry Richards has directed thousands of Retreats, Parish Missions, and Conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners worldwide. He continues to accept invitations for speaking engagements all over the world.

Father Larry Richards was born on March 26, 1960, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He entered St. Mark High School Seminary, Erie, Pennsylvania, at the age of 17. After high school, Father Larry attended college Seminary at Gannon University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mental Health Counseling in 1983.

Continuing his studies at the Major Seminary at St. Vincent in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Father Larry Richards received his Master of Divinity degree in 1987, and he also studied Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

Ordained to the priesthood on April 21, 1989, for the Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania, Father Larry Richards has served as a pastor since July 1, 2002. He currently serves as pastor of St. Luke Church and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. He is the founder and spiritual director of the DME (Divine Mercy Encounter) Retreat Program in the Diocese of Erie. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance (CMLA), which ministers to men all around the world.

On August 30, 2004, Father Larry founded and is the president of The Reason For Our Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the Good News by educating others about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith through multiple media resources. In addition, the Foundation supports charities that strive to make real the Gospel of Jesus Christ. More information can be found at www.thereasonforourhope.org .

He has recorded many talks on all aspects of the Catholic Faith for individual and small-group instruction, all of which are available at OurHope.TV completely free of charge. Some of his most popular talks are entitled, *The Truth, Confession, The Mass Explained, Knowing God's Will, Prayer, Living in the Holy Spirit, and Be a Man*. Father Larry's live presentation of *What More Could He Do For You?*, a dramatic explanation of the Passion of Jesus, is, without a doubt, the most moving re-enactment of the Passion one can view.

Father Larry began his weekly live podcast, called *Anchored in Hope*, in March of 2021, during which he answers live-chat and e-mail questions. This, along with daily Mass, can be found on OurHope.TV and YouTube, as well as downloaded on your favorite podcast app.

Father Larry's first book, *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You To Be*, was published by Ignatius Press in October of 2009, and it was the #1 best seller by Ignatius Press in 2010. Father Larry's second book, *Surrender! The Life-Changing Power of Doing God's Will*, was published by Our Sunday Visitor in September of 2011. In 2014, a Catholic Men's Bible, NABRE, with introduction and instructions by Father Larry, was published by Our Sunday Visitor. A Scripture Desk Calendar entitled *No Bible, No Breakfast! No Bible, No Bed!*, containing both morning and evening Scripture passages and encouraging words from Father Larry, was published by The Word Among Us in 2014, as well.

Father Larry's recorded talks can be heard on the EWTN Radio Show, called *Father Knows Best*. He has a segment on Dr. Ray's television series, *Living Right with Dr. Ray* which airs on EWTN Global Catholic Television. Father Larry was a favorite, as well, on the EWTN radio show called *Open Line* from the year 2015 through 2020.

PARISH MISSION FORMAT AND CHECKLIST

Father Larry is the full-time pastor and the only priest at his church - St. Joseph Church, Bread of Life Community, so he is unable to 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, Father Larry is in his Mass vestments and is speaking from his parish church. 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 highly effective tool to bring people to the Mission as long as it is played during the homily at the Masses. If you do not have the equipment, you have the option to rent a big screen TV and a DVD player, or rent a Big Screen(s) and play the DVD with a computer and projector, or you can stream the video directly from our website on Screen(s) or a TV. The DVD must be shown, or Father will not do the Parish Mission. *Also, please print out the parish mission prayer to begin praying as a congregation for one month before the Mission.*

First Night

6:30 PM – 8:30 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.

- Portable microphone for Father Larry.
- Photocopies of the "Opening Night Prayer Service" sheet (***copies will be shipped.***)
- Pens or pencils for each person
- Five (5) small sheets of paper per person. Each person needs five small sheets of paper. This can be 3 x 5 index cards cut in half, or small pieces of paper stapled together. (These can be as small as 2 x 2.) ***We do not ship these, you have to make them.***
- People to hand out the "Opening Night Prayer Service" sheets, five sheets of paper, and the pens/pencils. You can also just have them placed in the pews at the beginning of the night.
- Print from "Packet for Parish Mission" the document entitled "If God Should Speak" and give this to someone to "act out" 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 Father Larry before the night begins.
- We need a musician to play the closing song of "Here I am." If this is not practical this night, it can be sung a cappella.

Second Night

6:30 PM – 8:30 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. Father Larry will begin with a 30-minute talk and then he will ask everyone to stand when it is time for Mass to begin. This night also deals with the necessity of reaching out to the poor, and also the need for the parish community to be a place of love.

- Portable microphone for Father Larry.
- People to hand out “Second Night Handout of Media and Books For Sale.” (***Copies of the “Second Night Handout of Media and Books for Sale” is shipped with the Media/Books.***)
- 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. There is no offertory song, no collection, and no one brings up the gifts.***
- 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 “Parish Mission Guidelines for Musicians” to be given to the musicians.
- White envelopes (shipped with the Media/Books) should be left at the door. **Do not hand out.**

Third Night

6:30 PM – 8:30 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 8:15 PM, so the more priests the better, depending on the number of people.

- Portable microphone for Father Larry.
- Bottle of water for Father Larry during and after his presentation.
- Copy the “Sin List” for each person. (***copies will be shipped.***)
- People to hand out the “Sin List” sheet and “How Your Donations Can Help.” (***Copies of “How Your Donations Can Help” is shipped with the Media/Books.***)
- *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.
- Priests to hear Confessions - **PLEASE - THE MORE THE BETTER! Tell them they do not have to be there until 8:00–8:15 PM. It is usually closer to 8:15 P.M.**
 - Important: Father Larry must hear confessions in an open space and not in a closed space area or confessional.
 - Music to be played in the background while the people go to confession. This can be from a live group or a CD, or a mixture of both.
 - White envelopes should be left at the door. **Do not hand out.**

Fourth Night

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM - ADORATION AND HEALING

The theme this night is the Eucharist, and we will have Adoration followed by a healing service as part of the Adoration. Father Larry will begin by giving a 30-minute talk, then Adoration will begin. Father Larry 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. The Parish Mission ends with a commitment to Jesus Christ, especially in His Sacramental Presence.

- Portable microphone for Father Larry.
- Copies of the **Exposition and Benediction. (Copies will be shipped)**
- Pens or pencils for each person.
- People to hand out the following:
 1. ***Exposition and Benediction***
 2. ***Registration and Donation Cards***
 3. ***Pens/Pencils***
 4. ***Holy Spirit Prayer Cards***
 5. ***Our Hope TV Cards***

These prayer cards are a gift from Father Larry. The **Registration and Donation Cards**, the **Holy Spirit Prayer Cards** and **Our Hope TV Cards** will be shipped with the Media/Books.

- White envelopes should be left at the door. **Do not hand out.**
- Servers for Exposition, Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction. Please practice with the servers before this night.
- Monstrance, thurifer, boat, incense, candles, cope, humeral veil, bells, etc.
- Small table to put oil on.
- We will need up to 12 ministers (priests, deacons, and/or lay ministers) to help with the anointing rite using the **Last Night Anointing Format**, or a similar format.
- Wet-wipes or dish of water and towels for cleaning of hands after the anointing. Hand Sanitizer works well.
- 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. This is explained on the *Parish Mission Guidelines for Musicians.*

- Ushers to take up the **MISSION COLLECTION**, which is taken towards the end of the night, about 20 minutes before the end. Fr. Larry will announce it. At this time, the registration and donation cards are also collected.
- Most Parishes have a reception at the end of the Mission. If this is done, then you will need people to set up for that.
- Fr. Larry will explain the cards that are handed out earlier in the night.
- The night will end with Benediction. Then the pastor gets up to do the thank yous.

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!

Parish Mission Guidelines for Musicians

First Night

The only song that is sung this night is the closing song: *Here I Am Lord*.

Second Night

Though the night starts at 6:30 or 7:00 P.M., the actual Mass will not begin until 30 minutes after. Mass will either be the Mass of the day if there is a memorial that needs to be celebrated or it will be the votive Mass for the Holy Eucharist. There is no entrance procession, but after about a half hour of introduction, Father Larry will ask everyone to stand and start Mass with a gathering song. The music this night needs to be kept at a minimum because of all the different exercises that will be taking place, but we can still sing all the following Mass parts: The Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen. The Responsorial Psalm will be recited. The other music used with Mass should have love or Eucharist for its theme. Attached are 15 song suggestions, but you can use whatever your parish knows well – we always look for full participation in all the songs.

Third Night

This night has no formal music during the Mission presentation, but there needs to be Music played while the people are going to confession. Since this night tends to go on very long, we suggest that you pick any background music that is appropriate to play throughout the night. Some parishes have live music for an hour or so, and then put on a CD. It is totally up to you.

Fourth Night

The Mission starts at 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. There is no entrance procession or entrance song. When Adoration begins approximately 30 minutes into the evening, the opening song that is printed on the sheets is sung: *O Saving Victim*. It can be sung in Latin or English or both; whatever your parish normally sings.

At about 8:00 PM we will begin with the Eucharistic Procession. Please see the suggestions on the attached sheet.

After the Eucharistic Procession there will also be a very short introduction to the anointing rite. While the people come forward to be anointed, they can sing suitable songs that are suggested on the attached sheet.

Benediction will be the last thing that happens this night and it will usually happen at 8:55 PM. At that time, the Song printed on the Handout, *Down in Adoration Falling*, is sung in either Latin or English or both; whatever your parish normally sings.

After the Divine Praises, Father Larry will put the monstrance away. At this time and before the final song, the Pastor goes to the podium and thanks Father Larry and those who worked on the Parish Mission. Following this, the closing hymn for the Mission is sung: *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*, which is printed on the handout.

Song Suggestions

First Night

The song is already printed on the handout: *Here I Am Lord*.

Second Night

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Ubi Caritas

Gather Us In

Where Charity and Love Prevail

We are Many Parts

God Is Love

Love One Another

All Are Welcome

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Whatsoever You Do

City of God

Here I Am Lord

Anthem

We Have Been Told

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup

I Am the Bread of Life

One Bread, One Body

Take and Eat

Eat This Bread

Look Beyond

Third Night

Any Tape or CD of music played while people go to confession.

Fourth Night

Song sheet for opening and closing of Adoration and Benediction

During The Eucharistic Procession:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Jesus My Lord, My God, My All

Hail Our Savior's Glorious Body

Holy God We Praise Your Name

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

All Glory Laud and Honor

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

All Creatures of Our God and King

During the Anointing with St. Joseph's Oil:

You Are Mine

Remember Your Love

There Is a Balm In Gilead

Eye Has Not Seen

Healing River

We Remember

Amazing Grace

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

All of these are just suggestions. You know your parish best. Sing what they know.

Opening Night Prayer Service

“Prayer”

Opening Prayer: Father Larry Richards

Reading: Samuel 3:1-10

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial:

Psalm 5

Response: Speak Lord, Your servant is listening.

Give ear to my words, O Lord;
Give heed to my sighing.
Listen to the sound of my cry,
My King and my God, for to You I pray.
O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;
in the morning I plead my case to You and watch.

Response: Speak Lord, Your servant is listening.

For You are not a God who delights in wickedness;
Evil will not sojourn with You.
The boastful will not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies;
The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

Response: Speak Lord, Your servant is listening.

But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love,
will enter Your house,
I will bow down before Your holy temple in awe of You.
Lead me O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
make Your way straight before me.

Response: Speak Lord, Your servant is listening.

But let all who take refuge in You rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread Your protection over them,
so those who love Your name may exult in You.
For You bless the righteous, O Lord;
You cover them with favor as with a shield.

Response: Speak Lord, Your servant is listening.

Gospel: Matthew 6:5-15

ALL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

“If God Should Speak”

...A Different Look at the Lord's Prayer

✠Reflection by Father Larry

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Closing Song: Here I am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

**Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**



“Be Still & Know that I Am God!”

--Psalm 46:11



If God Should Speak

"Our Father who art in heaven..."

---Yes?

Don't interrupt me; I'm praying.

---But you called me.

Called you? I didn't call you. I'm praying. "Our Father who art in heaven..."

---There. You did it again.

Did what?

---Called me. You said, "Our Father who art in heaven." Here I am. What's on your mind?

But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, kind of like getting a duty done.

---All right. Go on.

"Hallowed be thy name..."

---Hold it. What do you mean by that?

By what?

---By "hallowed be thy name"?

It means...it means...Good grief, I don't know what it means! How should I know? It's just part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?

---It means honored, holy, wonderful.

Hey, that makes sense. I never thought about what "hallowed" meant before. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

---Do you really mean that?

Sure! Why not?

---What are you doing about it?

Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there.

---Have I got control of you?

Well, I go to church.

---That isn't what I asked you. What about your bad temper? You've really got a problem there, you know. And then there's the way you spend your money--all on yourself. And what about the lies you tell?

Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at church!

---Excuse me. I thought you were praying for my will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it; like you, for example.

Oh, all right! I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some others.

---So could I.

I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free!

---Good! Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together, you and I. Some victories can truly be won. I'm proud of you.

Look, Lord, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. "Give us this day our daily bread."

---You need to cut out the bread. You're overweight as it is.

Hey, wait a minute! What is this, criticize me day? Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my hang-ups!

---Praying is a dangerous thing. You could wind up changed, you know. That's what I'm trying to get across to you. You called me, and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying. I'm interested in the next part of your prayer...(pause). Well, go on..

I'm scared to.

---Scared? Of what?

I know what you'll say!

---Try Me and see.

"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."

---What about John?

See?! I knew it! I knew you would bring him up! Why, Lord, he's told lies about me, spread stories about my family, he never paid back the debt he owes me. I've sworn to get even with him!

---But your prayer. What about your prayer?

I didn't mean it!

---Well, at least you are honest. But it's not much fun carrying that load of bitterness around inside, is it?

No. But I'll feel better as soon as I get even! Boy, have I got some plans for that neighbor! He'll wish he had never moved into this neighborhood!

---You won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet! Think how unhappy you already are. But I can change all of that!

You can? How?

---Forgive John. Then I'll forgive you. Then the hate and sin will be John's problem; not yours. You will have settled your heart.

Oh, You're right. You always are! And more than I want revenge on John, I want to be right with You....(pause)...(sigh). All right. I forgive him. Help him to find the right road in life, Lord. He's bound to be awfully miserable, now that I think about it. Anybody who goes around doing the things he does to others has to be out of it! Someway, somehow, show him the right way.

---There, now. Wonderful! How do you feel?

Hmmm. Well, not bad! Not bad at all! In fact, I feel pretty great!! You know, I don't think I'll have to go to bed uptight tonight for the first time since I can remember. Maybe I won't be so tired from now on because I'm not getting enough rest.

---You're not through with your prayer. Go on.

Oh, all right. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

---Good! Good! I'll do that! Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted.

What do You mean by that?

---Don't turn on the TV when you know that work needs done around the house. And the time you spend drinking with your friends, if you can't influence the conversation to positive things, perhaps you should re-think the value of those friendships. Another thing, your neighbors and friends shouldn't be your standard for "keeping up". And please don't use Me for an escape hatch!

I don't understand the last part...

---Sure you do. You've done it a lot of times. You get caught in a bad situation, or get into trouble and then you come running to Me! "Lord, help me out of this mess, and I promise You I'll never do it again." Do you remember some of those bargains you tried to make with Me?

Yes, Lord. And I'm ashamed. I really am!

---Which bargain are you remembering?

Well, there was the night that when I was out and I got into that car accident. I remember praying, "Oh God, if you spare me, I'll never miss Mass again."

---I protected you, but you didn't keep your promise, did you?

I'm sorry, Lord, I really am! Up until now, I thought that if I just prayed the Lord's Prayer every day then I could do what I pleased. I didn't expect anything to happen like it did!

---Go ahead, finish your prayer...

"For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

---Do you know what would bring Me glory? What would really make Me happy?

No, but I'd like to know. I want now to please You. I can see what a mess I've made of my life. And I can see how great it would be to REALLY be one of your followers!

---You just answered the question!

I did?!

---Yes. The thing that would bring me glory is to have people like you truly love Me. And I see that happening between us. Now that some of these old sins are exposed and out of the way, well, there is no telling what we can do together!

Lord, let's see what we can make of me, okay?

---Yes, Let's see!



"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."
1 Peter 3:15



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- Uso de drogas ilegales.
- Toda practica con ritos ocultos de iniciación como la tabla de la Ouija.
- Uso de algún método artificial de control de embarazo.
- Blasfemia, falta de respeto hacia Dios o injuriar su Santo nombre.
- Romper promesas deliberadamente.
- Deshonrar a la familia, escuela, a la comunidad o a la Iglesia.
- Calumnia: diciendo mentiras acerca de otro.
- Desesperanza: creer que Dios no quiere perdonarte.
- Destruir las propiedades de otra gente.
- Difamación: decir una verdad cruel acerca de otro.
- Desobediencia con los padres/maestros.
- Borracheras, incluyendo cualquier bebida alcohólica menor a los 21 años.
- Materialismo excesivo.
- Glotonería: comer o beber en exceso.
- Chismes: hablar acerca de otros.
- Odio, aborrecimiento.
- Actos homosexuales.
- Pensamientos impuros.
- Indiferencia al bien o al mal.
- Ingratitud.
- Violación intencional de las reglas de la escuela.
- Celos.
- Pereza.
- Mentira.
- Malicia: la decisión deliberada de hacer el mal.
- Masturbación: actos impuros con uno mismo.
- Falte a Misa cualquier domingo o día santo.
- Asesinato.
- NO ORAR TODOS LOS DÍAS.
- Sexo prematrimonial, incluyendo sexo oral, relaciones sexuales, contacto impuro de otra persona.
- Presunción: Pecar y decir que Dios DEBE perdonarme.
- Orgullo.
- Prostitución.
- Conducción imprudente que lo pone en peligro a usted, a los pasajeros o a otros.
- Rudeza.
- Egoísmo.
- Robando.
- Superstición.
- Ira injustificada
- Manipular a otros para beneficios personales.
- Ver o mirar material pornográfico.
- ¿Qué he FALLADO en hacer? – ¡PECADOS DE OMISIÓN!

Anointing Formula For Last Night

Priest or Deacon

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The gate of heaven to us below.
Our foes press on from every side;
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Bella premunt hostilia,
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**To your great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
O grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with thee Amen.**

**Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria Amen.**

Benediction

At the end of the night Fr. Larry goes to the altar, genuflects, and kneels. The following or another suitable Eucharistic hymn is sung.

**Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
When our human senses fail.**

**Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.**

**To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding;
From them Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.**

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Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Amen.

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Holy God, we praise thy name;	Hark, the loud celestial hymn;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;	Angel choirs above are raising;
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PARISH MISSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY

A mission talk on knowing God's love and practical information on how to pray.

TUESDAY

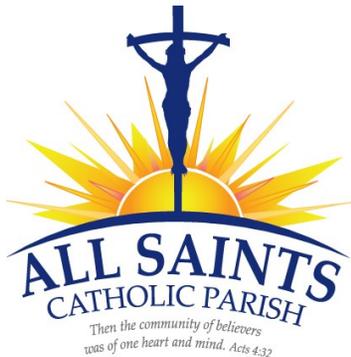
Mass with a mission talk on love of others and the importance of family.

WEDNESDAY

Mission talk on the Passion of Christ (may be too intense for children) and repentance, with individual confessions.

THURSDAY

A healing service in the context of Eucharistic Adoration.



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PARISH MISSION PRAYER

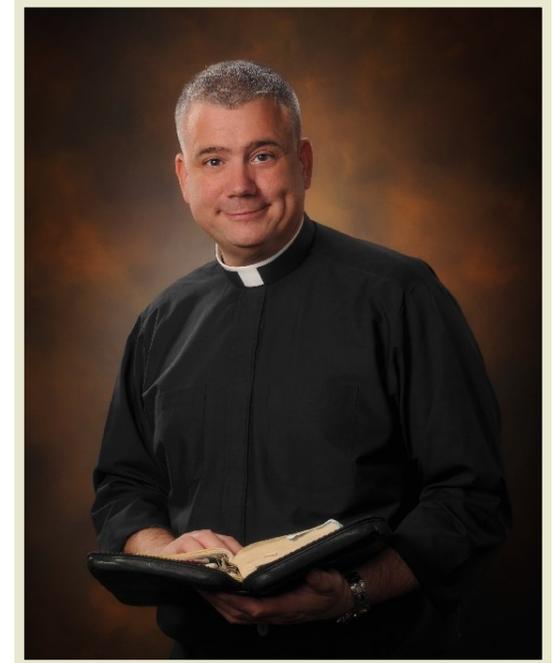
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a time of homecoming for all who have been away.

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ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH ALPENA, MI

PARISH MISSION WELCOMES FR. LARRY RICHARDS



ALL are welcome to attend!

April 29th - May 2nd, 2019

7:00—9:00 PM

St. Anne Church
of
All Saints Catholic Parish
(201 S. Ninth Street)

GET TO KNOW FR. LARRY RICHARDS

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MISSION DETAILS

- ◆ No other parish activities will be scheduled during the mission
- ◆ Childcare will be provided.
- ◆ All are invited to a reception following Thursday evening's mission program.
- ◆ Books, CDs and DVDs from The Reason for Our Hope will be available for sale each evening.

The All Saints Parish family welcomes to its 2019 Parish Mission Fr. Larry Richards, gifted and captivating preacher, retreat leader and author. Fr. Larry speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor and an evangelist.

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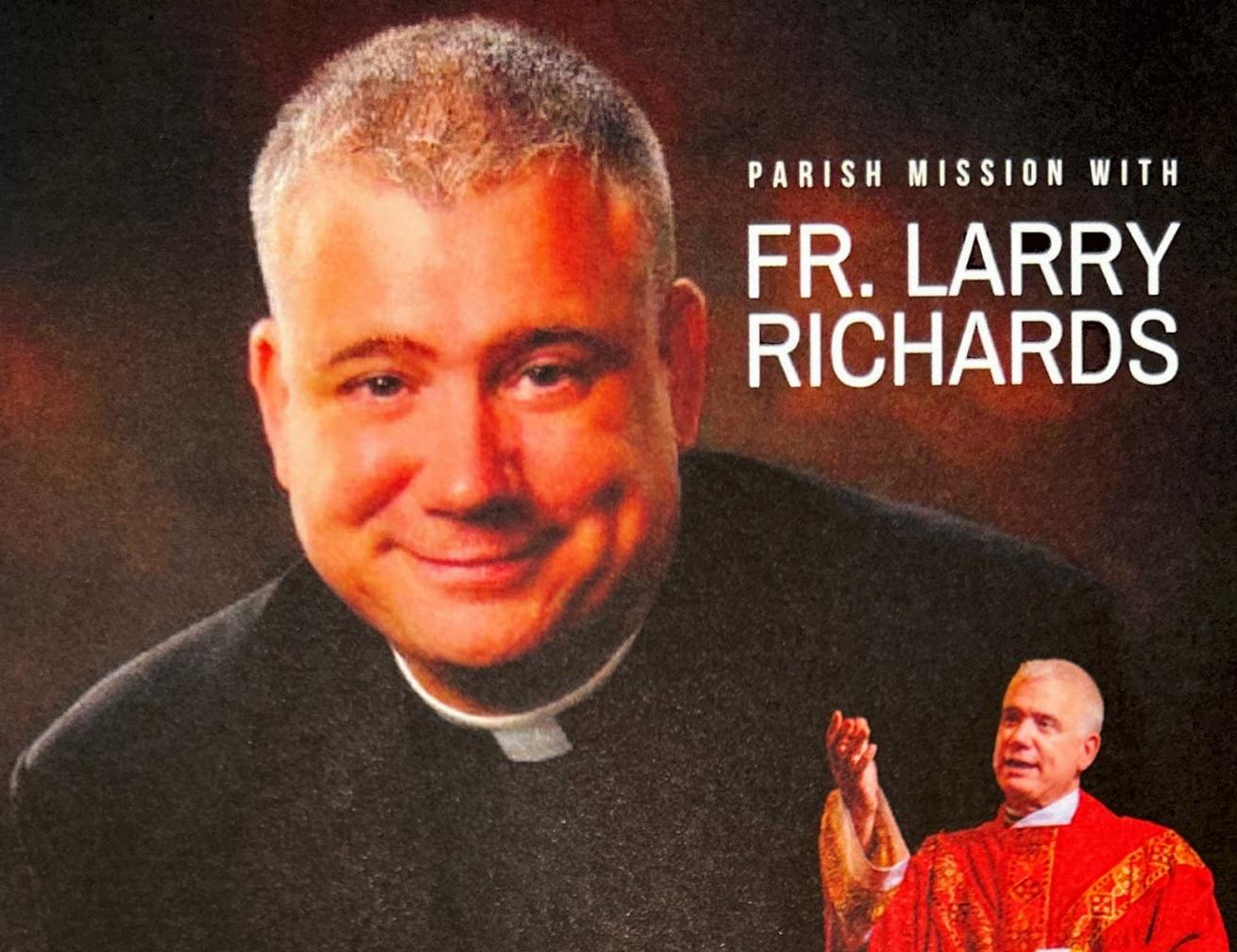
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1 Peter 3:15

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EVENT DATE **PARISH MISSION** **WITH FATHER** **LARRY RICHARDS**

Four Night Event from 7:00PM to 9:00PM

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This event is free and open to the public.

Come and Share in this experience!

**Father Larry
will speak
about:**

**Monday:
Prayer**

**Tuesday:
Mass - Love
of Others**

**Wednesday:
Passion Talk
& Confession**

**Thursday:
Adoration &
Healing**

CHURCH NAME

Street Address
City, ST ZIP Code
Telephone

Web Address

Questions for Confession

Do you pray every day?
Have you used God's name in vain?
Have you missed Mass?
Have you dishonored your parents?
Have you got angry?
Have you hurt others with your words?
Have you made fun of others?
Have you had an abortion?
Have you helped someone have an abortion?
Have you had impure thoughts?
Have you had impure actions with yourself?

If not married:

Did you have oral sex with another?
Have you had intercourse with another?

If married:

Did you commit adultery?
Have you used artificial birth control?

Have you had sex with someone of the same sex?
Have you looked at pornography?
Have you lied?
Have you cheated?
Have you gossiped?
Have you been jealous?
Have you got drunk?
Have you got high?
Have you been judgmental?
Have you been proud?
Do you consistently give to the poor?