

# PARISH MISSION FORMAT AND CHECKLIST

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 do the Parish Mission.

## 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.*

- Portable microphone for Fr. Larry.
- Photocopies of the "Opening Night Prayer Service" sheet
- 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 3x5 index cards cut in half, or small pieces of paper stapled together. These can be as small as 2" x 2".)
- 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 Fr. 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

### **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. 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 Fr. 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.***
- 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

### **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 8:45 PM, so the more priests the better, depending on the number of people.*

- Portable microphone for Fr. Larry.
- Bottle of water for Fr. Larry during and after his presentation.
- Copy the “Sin List” for each person.
- 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 8:30–8:45 PM. It is usually closer to 8:45 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

### **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. Fr. 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 Fr. Larry.
- Copies of the “Exposition and Benediction”.
- Pens or pencils for each person.
- People to hand out the following:
  1. “Exposition and Benediction”;
  2. “Registration and Donation Card”;
  3. Pens/Pencils; and
  4. “ Holy Spirit Prayer Cards”.

These prayer cards are a gift from Fr. Larry. The “Registration and Donation Cards and the Holy Spirit Prayer 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. 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.

**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!**