

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 at about on half hour of introduction, Fr. 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 in 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 is sung that is printed on the sheets: “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 will put the monstrance away. At this time and before the final song, the Pastor goes to the podium and thanks Father 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 hand out.

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 Saviors 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.