

**Crisis In Our World  
Crisis In Our Church  
Christ In Our Midst!**

A time of upheaval, change, insecurity, fears about the future, abuses in the Church, natural disasters, famines, and terrifying sicknesses, no causes or remedies for new diseases, faithlessness as so many in the Church lose their faith and morals, corruption in society, moral decadence, bribery, infidelity particularly among clergy, wars, hostilities among nations, poverty, hunger, oppression, homelessness, greed, materialism, violence, political corruption, economic upheavals, crime in our midst, terror, financial disaster, and never-ending stories of suffering and loss striking fear in our hearts, robbing us of our inner peace, and paralyzing our spiritual journeys.

As terrifying as all of this sounds, it is not a portrayal of the world we live today. Rather, it is a descriptive account of 14th century Europe. There is perhaps one major difference between then and now. It is the constant sensory impact of the world on our souls—the visual and audible call to turn away from God and turn towards the things of this world. Nothing could be further from God’s desire for us. He longs for us to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior and in so doing invoke the power of His Holy Spirit to come to our aid in leading lives of holiness and in bringing Christ to the world and the world to Christ.

**Christ Yesterday, Today,  
and Tomorrow**

**The Gift of a Parish Mission**

When we set aside time to be with Jesus our minds are renewed, our hearts are healed and our lives are never the same again. Time away with Jesus only happens when we intentionally step aside from our busy lives. A parish mission gives us the perfect opportunity to do this.

The Church continually invites us to give special consideration to the Holy Spirit whose mission it is to sanctify the Church and the renew the face of the earth, making us holy and pleasing to God and preparing our souls for an eternity with Him. Through the power of His Holy Spirit we come to know Christ and the One who sent Him. We are able to hear His voice for ourselves, our children, our families, our Church, and our world.

Jesus is the Source of all life—the one sure investment for our future. He is the one true lasting inheritance we have to pass on to our children — to future generations.

In order to help parish communities come to know the full power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives, The Mission Team is offering a variety of parish missions. Please take a few moments to review the mission topics listed in this brochure and pray about whether or not your parish community is called to be renewed through one or more of these mission topics.

**Missions for Parish and  
Community Renewal**



**Be Holy As I Am Holy**



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## Here Is What You Can Expect

During and after the mission your parish community will

- Receive a fresh outpouring of the gifts of faith, hope, and love.
- Be re-empowered with the gifts given them at Baptism and Confirmation.
- Be refreshed and renewed physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Become more aware of God's healing presence in their family and work situations.
- Become more closely bonded as a Christian community.
- See relationships with spouses, family, friends, and community members be strengthened and healed.

The Parish Mission Team serves under the spiritual direction of Fr. Jerry Nowakowski.

Each team member has over 10 years of experience in retreat and teaching ministries.

## One Pastor's Review!

*Thank you for a marvelous parish mission. I only wish more of our parishioners had been there. If you ever need a letter of recommendation from me, or if a pastor wants to speak to me on the phone, I will gladly tell them that you will be a great benefit to their parish community.*

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## The Mission Team

The Mission Team weaves together Scripture, story-telling, faith-sharing, worship, and praise with emphasis on the healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist. There are prayers for physical, emotional, spiritual, and intergenerational healing. All of these things come together with a sufficient dose of humor mixed with good old-fashioned common sense!

A parish mission can be presented in consecutive evening or weekly sessions or in a weekend retreat format.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction are offered nightly.**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on a designated evening.**

**Why not plan a mission for your parish that will open hearts to God's love and mercy**



## Mission Topics

Select from one or several of the topics listed below or customize your Parish Mission by requesting your own topic

- Can You Hear Me Now? I'm Always Working For You! Love God
- Interior Design: A How-To Course On Discovering God's Creative Gifts At Work In Your Life. Decorate your soul with God's grace.
- The Seven Healthy Habits of An Everyday Catholic
- Soul Renovations Are At An All Time High: Invest In Your Future Now!
- When You've Had Enough Cry Uncle (Jesus) and Then We'll Talk, Love God
- Wanted—Catholics Dead or Alive. I Prefer Alive, Love God
- Eight Ways to Ensure That God Can't Heal You
- The Afterglow of the Eucharist: Let's Pray
- Pray For Me 'Cause I Can't Pray
- The Road Less Disciplined: On the Way to Heaven
- How To Keep Your Children From Leaving The Church When They're Old Enough To Drive or Can Anyone Tell Me Why My Children Left The Church?
- Low Fat-High Protein Recipes for Spiritual Growth
- To Each Is Given A Manifestation of the Spirit. Do You Know What Yours Is?
- Charisms of the Holy Spirit: Tools For The New Evangelization
- Catherine of Siena; Getting In On Her Conversations With God The Father
- Grace—Your Best Investment For The Future: Getting it and Keeping It!
- Living In the Annunciation and the Visitation!