



AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT AWAITS YOU!

Our Lenten Journey *with Jesus*

Saint Clement of Rome Parish

FEBRUARY 25, 26, 27

7 –8pm

Our mission will be led by Father David Meconi, SJ, the Director of the Catholic Studies Centre and Professor of Theology at Saint Louis University

Our Parish Mission: is a time to “be still” for a few evenings and take time to examine one's soul. We are such infinite and complex creatures and we can all too easily get caught up in the important and immediate demands of daily living. But the Church often knows us better than we know ourselves, and has set aside 40 days for us to prepare to receive the greatest moment in human history, the resurrection of Christ and the human race's victory over death and decay.

Evening #1. God's great love, mercy and longing for me

To grow in our understanding of our Lord's great love, mercy and longing to be in close relationship with all of His created; and to increase the awareness that all were created with great purpose and infinite worth to love and to be loved. Father Meconi will spend the first night stressing God's love for creation, that first and fundamental truth that most of us can parrot back but rarely believe: God is in love with each of us thoroughly and absolutely, and the only thing holding us back from that embrace is our own unwillingness to be received, to matter to another. That is why the first evening will also deal with the deadly sins as the Catholic Tradition has ordered them.

Evening #2. Christ's life and how that matters to me

The second evening will hopefully be an experience of Christ's own life: to see what happened at the Annunciation between Gabriel and Our Lady and how that matters still for us today. We will more deeply discover the Body of Christ, as we receive him in the Eucharist and as we become Him in one another.

Evening #3. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit for me

In our final evening we will fittingly turn to the Holy Spirit and what it means for us to be His living temples on earth. So many of us Catholics are sacramentalized, meaning we have gone through the course of catechesis and all the sacraments, but how many of us really understand these sacraments and identify the gifts the Holy Spirit gives to us. By learning how to foster a constant, deep and abiding presence of God's Spirit within us we can discover true peace and perfect joy and thus more perfectly love those around us with the ultimate goal of bringing our Lord's love, mercy and care to all we encounter.

Should I bring my family?

Definitely! Missions are for everyone and families are encouraged to take this opportunity to grow in their faith precisely as a family.

There will be many fun activities for young children (including bounce houses).

Babysitting will be available for children 3 years old and younger.

For planning purposes, RSVP if possible to tonykarla@sbcglobal.net.

