

TWO THOUSAND FIVE PARISH MISSION

ST MARK THE
EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 31 through February 3, 2005

**All are invited...young and old, married and divorced,
single and widowed; the appeal is to all who have
stayed or strayed over the years.**

Let us come home to the Lord.

WHAT IS A PARISH MISSION?

More and more people are expressing a desire for spirituality. Perhaps we've tried other paths, and we're still empty. If anything were to characterize the journey of contemporary people, it is a real hungering for an authentic **EXPERIENCE** of God—a realizable, touchable experience. People today feel a need to deepen their faith, their relationship with the Lord and one another. The origin of the word mission is Latin; it means "to send." While many associate the word with foreign missions (where persons are sent to preach and teach), here the word is used interchangeably with retreat...we **Passionists** are sent to a local parish (rather than have parishioners travel to a retreat center) for about a week. It's a fun and inspiring time, a week of preaching and counseling and spiritual direction, a time of sharing stories, and song and prayer, a time of faith revival, simply listening to **God** and **God's love for us**.

WHO IS THE MISSION FOR?

While plenty of activity fills each day, the evening service is the heart of the Parish Mission. Something happens to individuals and faith communities when we pack into church each night and are bonded by the preaching of God's Good News and song. The sermons are focused on practical, down-to-earth topics as we ponder how the Scriptures nourish and heal us in the everyday struggles and joys of our lives.

MISSION DATES & CONFERENCES:

Monday, January 31

Living where God is...The Present

Tuesday, February 1

Life is a journey of deepening awareness

Wednesday, February 2

On our journey we need to affirm and be affirmed

Thursday, February 3

*The strong right hand of God...
Trust, the key to the heart of God*

DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning Mass immediately followed with the Mission Conference in the PSR building. (Coffee & pastries served)
7:45 A.M.

Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Evening Mass and Conference
6:30 P.M.

Mission closes Thursday evening with a Passion and Resurrection Service.

Reconciliation will be each day after the morning and evening Masses and during Adoration.