

Parish Lenten Mission 2026
March 23, 24, and 25
Talks begin each evening at 7:00 P.M.

Preacher: Father Ed Brodsky, F.S.S.P.
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(A free will offering will be taken each night to be given to Father for gas money).

In preparation for the mission Fr. Brodsky invites us to ponder the following questions honestly and prayerfully in our own hearts, applying them to ourselves rather than thinking of how they apply to someone else. Fr. Brodsky further says, "Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you. Ask Our Lady of Sorrows to reveal the contents of your heart in truth and charity (Luke 2:35). Ask her to give you the graces you stand most in need of."

March 23 - Why am I here and where am I going?

March 24 - How do I get there?

March 25 (Solemnity of the Annunciation) - Am I not here who am your Mother?

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit in Preparation for the Parish Mission

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore Thee, and acknowledge, here in Thy divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without Thee. Come, great Paraclete, Thou father of the poor, Thou comforter the best, fulfill the promise of our blessed Saviour, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Thy poor, unworthy creature, as Thou didst descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which Thou didst communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to Thee, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Thyself. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of Thee, that I may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that I may be made conformable to Thy divine will, and be guided by Thy holy inspirations. Aid me by Thy grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life. Oh, rend the heavens, and come down, consoling Spirit! That inspired and encouraged by Thee, I may faithfully comply with the duties of my state, carry my daily cross most patiently, and endeavor to accomplish the divine will with the utmost perfection. Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify my soul more and more, and give me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. O Holy Spirit, Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant me, I beseech Thee, the intentions of this novena. May Thy will be done in me and through me. Mayest Thou be praised and glorified forevermore! Amen.