



CHURCH ON FIRE

Parish Mission with Bart Schuchts

What is a Parish Mission? A parish mission is a time of spiritual renewal for the parish. It is like a retreat for the parish - something special and out of the ordinary. We invite a keynote speaker to lead the mission and give a series of inspirational talks centered around a theme. A parish mission is an opportunity for the parish community to grow spiritually and to experience the love of Jesus Christ in their midst.

And a parish mission is for EVERYONE. This is for the individual who have fallen away from the Church, those who are seeking, parish members who are in the pews every Sunday and everyone in between. It is for you, your family members, your friends, your neighbor, your barista at Colectivo. It is for those of all ages.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Sunday, January 29

Encountering the Father's Love

Noon - 12:45 PM | Lunch

1:00 PM | Mission

Monday, January 30

Forgiveness & Redemption

9:30 AM Keynote

(shorter version of evening session)

- OR -

5:30 - 6:15 PM | Dinner

6:30 PM | Mission

Tuesday, January 31

Fire & Fullness of Confirmation

5:30 - 6:15 PM | Dinner

6:30 PM | Mission

More information at
[lumenchristiparish.org/
parishmission](http://lumenchristiparish.org/parishmission).



Parish Mission Page
(on the parish website)

BART SCHUCHTS

Bart Schuchts is the founder of Church on Fire and has been associated with the John Paul II Healing Center since its inception. Bart has been in ministry across the body of Christ for over 30 years. Following a desperate plea to God while sitting in an NFL locker room, Bart had a powerful encounter with the Father's love that Transformed his life forever. Bart travels the country presenting at conferences & retreats, bringing thousands into an intimate and powerful encounter with the Father's love, transforming lives, & equipping people to live more fully into Christ's mission.



COST

It's FREE! The parish mission is made possible by the generous stewardship of our parish members. We hope you will come to see the great ministry and fruits of your financial gifts.

MEALS

There will be meals offered for the Sunday, Monday evening, & Tuesday evening sessions. They are complimentary & made possible by the generous stewardship of Lumen Christi Parish. **Please RSVP by scanning the QR code.**



CHILDCARE

There will be FREE childcare Sunday afternoon and both Monday & Tuesday evening in the St. Theresa of Calcutta Room for children 6 months - 10 years old. **An RSVP is required - just scan the QR code.**





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Confirmation retreat is, without a doubt, one of my favorite parts of youth ministry. Friday evening begins with a simple game called Circle of Fire. Sitting in a large group circle, a question is asked and we give our response one at a time, trying to get around the room as fast as we can.

Questions like, what is your favorite skittle flavor and give me one word that describes you. My favorite question to ask is, **'honest answer, Do you want to be here?'** There is always an awkward pause (teens wonder, do I really want to know the truth)... majority of the room says no and most of the yeses are my leaders. I LOVE IT! I thank them for their honesty, we move on, and I ask them to say the first name of someone we can pray for tonight. That is how we open in prayer and they take it super seriously – it becomes the first step of their hearts changing. And Holy Buckets! Do their hearts change.

Over the retreat, through small group discussions, witness talks, individual reflection, good food and loving community, they allow God to enter into their heart and they invite Him into their lives. The highlight of the weekend is a Holy Hour of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a beautiful thing to watch these young people walk out of confession GLOWING. You can see that they have been relieved of some major burdens. They encounter God in such a profound way that they cannot deny Him in the Sacraments.

At the end of the retreat, as we empower them to go home – how to grapple with the demands of the world they live and

hold on to that relationship they have begun with the Lord. And then they set out 'into the desert' like Jesus send out into the desert after His baptism – where they are bombarded with temptations and lies of the devil. But they are reminded that, they are filled with the Holy Spirit and have the Grace to avoid temptations and respond to the Love of Christ.

We too need to be filled with the Holy Spirit to reject temptations and receive authentic love offered to us in Jesus. We are filled in our daily prayer, Mass, and through service. But sometimes we need a BIG dose – we need to IMMERGE ourselves, just like we challenge our teens to do on retreat.

Next weekend, January 29-31, we have a tremendous gift of a Parish Mission, an opportunity to 'get away' for a few hours each day, be in community with one another, hear an inspiring message from a dynamic speaker Bart Schuchts, and encounter God through prayer. Each night will be a little different and inspirational in its own way. See the bulletin and parish website (lumenchristiparish.org/parishmission) for more information. Through the generous stewardship of our parish members, this is a free event, with meals beforehand, & on-sight childcare. If your response is, 'I'm not sure about that' or 'I don't have time to go' ... that's okay, show up anyways. Come see why the Parish Mission is my favorite part of adult ministry. From my experience, by the end of your first night you will be just like the teens - you won't want to go home.

Blessings,
Meaghan Turner
Director of Catholic Formation

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