

Join us during this Year of Mercy **November 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** for our  
**Parish Mission and Healing Service** entitled:

## Why Be Catholic?



Fr. Ken Geraci, lived the life of the prodigal son for most of his young adult life. Raised in a nominal Catholic family, who only lived the externals of the faith, Fr. Ken left the Catholic Church for many years. During that time he worked as a business professional in Advanced R&D and software testing; a few years into his career he joined a few of his co-workers in establishing a 4.5M Internet software company. Focused on money, fitness and success, he made little room for God; but God did not give up on him. During this journey, God presented him with challenges that forced him to question his personal beliefs and the question "What is Truth?" Through a series of conversions, years of struggle, study and questioning, Fr. Ken found his way from agnosticism, to non-denomination Christianity and ultimately back to the Catholic Church.

Fr. Ken joined the Fathers of Mercy in 2006 and was ordained in 2012. Having lived a secular existence, Fr. Ken has a great understanding of the personal and societal pressures that individuals face and knows what it is like to "hate coming to church." This mission is for people of **all ages** and **levels of faith**, from those who are madly in love with Jesus, to those who pretty much cannot stand church or religion. **Regardless of your level of faith come and experience God's Divine Mercy!**

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**Each evening starts with a 6pm Holy Hour followed by a talk at 7 pm.**

### **SUBJECTS FOR THE MISSION CONFERENCE INCLUDE:**

Sunday: God's Mercy—Church or Spirituality  
Monday: Why Do We Do That as Catholics?  
Tuesday: Jesus the Divine Mercy  
Wednesday: Two Obstacles to Healing  
Thursday: How to Pray the Mass

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**PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH MISSION**—Heavenly Father, in a short time our parish will begin its special time of mission. Open the hearts and minds of each one of us so that we might receive your word with eager joy. Let this parish and its members be the "good ground" in which the sower's seed will take deep root and produce an abundant harvest. Bless the missionary who will break open your word for us with his preaching. May he be a gentle but ardent and faithful servant of your good news. Help us to invite and welcome into our parish community all of those who may feel distant from your loving care. May charity and our witness of faith help them to find you once again. Through the intercession of Mary, your Mother and first disciple, help us to make this local community of faithful disciples. May this parish mission strengthen our faith and help us in our desire to serve you until "your kingdom come and your will be done." We ask you through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.