

**Dearly Beloved;**

I am delighted to have been invited to come to your parish and I look forward to meeting you during the days of the Parish Mission.

The theme of our three-day mission is  
**"A Time of Mercy, What Time is it? What are we to do?"**

The Mission is for anyone seeking meaning and purpose in life. It is designed to facilitate a personal experience of the love of God through Jesus Christ. When we experience God's love, it transforms us and gives us new meaning, purpose and hope. We are radically loved by God and He desires an intimate personal relationship with each of us.

Come and hear about God's love and how we can experience it each day in our lives through the Holy Spirit. Come and find wisdom and direction for your life. Come and discover how to live your Divine Mission.

During the Mission you will experience inspiring praise and worship, dynamic preaching and teaching of God's Word, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On our last evening, we will celebrate Holy Mass, the greatest prayer of the Church. Following Mass there will be an opportunity for a fresh empowering of the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to seeing you and experiencing what God will do as His people gather in His name.

Sincerely in Christ;  
**Fr. Mark Cherry**



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**Saint Stephen's  
Catholic Church  
2020 ADVENT MISSION**

**"A Time of Mercy; What Time is it?  
What are we Called to do?"**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>  
December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30pm each evening**

The Parish Mission begins at 6:30 each evening.

#### PARISH MISSION SCHEDULE



#### **Monday, November 30th, 2020**

Talk One: A Time of Mercy

#### **Tuesday, December 1st, 2020**

Talk Two: What Time is it?

#### **Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020**

Talk Three: What are we Called to do?

There will be a free-will offering each evening in support of the mission.



Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**-Colossians 3:12-17**

#### MISSION SPEAKER FATHER MARK CHERRY



Fr. Mark Cherry grew up in Halifax, NS. He is the oldest of eight children. Growing up sports was number one in his life, until at the age of fifteen. He was diagnosed with *Lupus erythematosus*, which caused his withdrawal from all sports.

At the age of eighteen, while attending the University in Guelph, Ontario, Fr. Mark encountered an evangelical Christian who began to speak to him about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This caused him to begin to reflect on his own Catholic faith and what it really meant to be a Christian. In the fall of 1976, Father Mark had a road to Damascus experience, a powerful conversion to Christ, coming to know His love and forgiveness in a personal way. In February of 1978, while attending a healing service he experienced a miraculous healing from Lupus.

As Providence would have it, Father Mark would spend 20 years in Evangelical Christian community before returning to the Catholic Church in 1996. In the fall of 1998, after a prayer meeting at St. Thomas Aquinas Church hall he was asked whether he had ever thought about the priesthood. Further discernment led to him entering St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto in January 2000. Fr. Mark was ordained to the priesthood on April 30, 2005 at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Over the past 13 years, in addition to his duties as a parish Priest, he has ministered as a Parish Mission speaker, a Conference speaker, as Retreat leader and at Healing Masses. As well, he serves as Spiritual Chaplain for the Weekend of Grace for Women Conference and the Empowered: Catholic Men's Conference. In the 2011, he completed the teaching series entitled Understanding the End of the Age which seeks to give wisdom and understand concerning the times we live, and God's plans and purposes as we approach the end of the age.

Father Mark has a passion for sharing the life transforming love and power of Jesus Christ through anointed preaching and teaching of God's Word. His desire is to see the captives set free, healed, lifted up and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live out their Divine Mission.