

## **General Information:**

- **Janet Howell** is the contact person for all questions and issues related to contract and payment: [janet@echocommunity.us](mailto:janet@echocommunity.us) | (985) 951-2215
- Upon discussing dates and contract information, you'll be referred to our presenters to discuss specifics regarding content and schedule.
- Presenters will include **Brian Butler** (keynote speaker), **Rita Gernon** (musician), and possibly others from the Echo Community team. More options for presenters and musicians can be discussed during the planning phase of the mission at the host's request.
- Keynote talks will include speaking on the content outlined below, questions and activities to engage the congregation throughout the presentation, and music and testimony mixed into the content
- Presenters desire to work with the parish staff in discerning the most effective content to deliver to the congregation both in preparation for the mission and during the mission.
- Included in the price of the mission, Echo Community will provide a digital poster design to be printed and used by the parish for promotional purposes. The parish will be responsible for any printing cost.
- *[For three-night missions]* In addition to evening sessions outlined below, Echo Community can offer morning sessions to allow more options for parishioners to attend the mission. This can be discussed in the planning phase of the mission.

## **Echo Community Presents an Advent Parish Mission:**



### **“And the Word Became Flesh”**

*Through the fact that the Word became flesh, the body entered theology through the main door. – St. John Paul II*

#### **Content and Schedule Outline**

The items below are intended to be an outline. Adjustments to content and schedule can be made during the planning phase of the mission

## **[Traditional Three-night Mission Sample Schedule]**

*See last page for One-night Sample Schedule*

### ***Night 1: The Word...***

- Introduction to the season of Advent and what's asked of us as Catholics
- Introduction to St John Paul II and his teachings on the *Theology of the Body*
- What/Who is the "Word" of God (*Logos*), and why do we need him to be "with us" (*Emmanuel*)
- Man's need for a Savior

6:30 Gathering, Refreshments

7:00 Opening Song, Prayer

7:15 Keynote Talk

8:15 Music, Prayer, Reflection

8:30 Finish

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### ***Night 2: Became Flesh...***

- The Mystery of the Incarnation, and what it means for mankind
- Being made in the image and likeness of God as male and female
- The Spousal meaning of the body, how man images his Creator
- How to *give* and how to *receive* during the seasons of Advent and Christmas
- "Man cannot fully find himself except in making a sincere gift of himself" (St JPII). It is in becoming a gift, like Jesus, that we become fully alive and understand who we are
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6:30 Gathering, Refreshments

7:00 Opening Song, Prayer

7:15 Keynote Talk

8:15 Music, Prayer, Reflection

8:30 Finish

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***Night 3: And Dwelt Among Us...***

- We receive the greatest gift of God – the gift of his only begotten Son – by celebrating and receiving His Eucharistic presence, the gift of His body and His blood
- How to practice active receptivity, allowing God to “dwell among us in our daily lives of prayer, work, family life, and beyond

6:30 Gathering, Refreshments

7:00 Opening Song, Prayer

7:15 Keynote Talk

8:00 Eucharistic Adoration and Penance Service

9:00 Benediction

9:10 Closing Remarks

9:15 Finish

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## Echo Community Presents a Lenten Parish Mission:



### **“Given Up For You”**

*Jesus has given His life for you; what is He asking you to give back to Him?*

#### **Content and Schedule Outline**

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#### ***Night 1: This is My Body...***

- Introduction to the season of Lent and what's asked of us as Catholics
- Introduction to St John Paul II and his teachings on the *Theology of the Body*
- The gift of the Grace discovered in the Seven Sacraments. Living with a sacramental worldview

6:30 Gathering, Refreshments

7:00 Opening Song, Prayer

7:15 Keynote Talk

8:15 Music, Prayer, Reflection

8:30 Finish

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***Night 2: Given Up for You...***

- It is through the life, death and resurrection of God's only Son that we are redeemed
- God sacrificed His life, His *body*, so that we might have life. In the season of Lent, God calls us to make a sacrifice of our own life, a sacrifice of love...how do we do this on a daily basis?
- "Man cannot fully find himself except in making a sincere gift of himself" (St JP II). It is in becoming a gift, like Jesus, that we become fully alive and understand who we are
- What to *give up* and what to *take up* in the season of Lent

6:30 Gathering, Refreshments

7:00 Opening Song, Prayer

7:15 Keynote Talk

8:15 Music, Prayer, Reflection

8:30 Finish

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***Night 3: Do this in Memory of Me...***

- We remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus by celebrating and receiving His Eucharistic presence, the gift of His body and His blood
- The action of remembrance: practical points for growing through Lent and preparing for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter

6:30 Gathering, Refreshments

7:00 Opening Song, Prayer

7:15 Keynote Talk

8:00 Eucharistic Adoration and Penance Service

9:00 Benediction

9:10 Closing Remarks

9:15 Finish

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## **[One-night Mission Event Sample Schedule]**

### ***Content...***

- Program content will be a synthesis of all the content outlined above. One night events are also very flexible to match the desires of the host

6:30 Gathering

7:00 Opening Song, Prayer

7:15 Keynote Talk

8:15 Eucharistic Adoration and Penance Service

9:15 Benediction

9:25 Closing Remarks

9:30 Finish

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