

## LENTEN MISSION 2018

This year, we're doing something different. Instead of having one speaker present for three nights, there will be three presenters offering reflections for our consideration, all at **7:00p.m.**

On **Monday, March 19**, our Episcopal Vicar, **Bishop Joseph Perry**, will be with us to help us celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Joseph, with a **Mass** and inspirational homily, followed by refreshments in the rear of church.

On **Tuesday, March 20**, I'll reflect on the Servant Songs of the Prophet Isaiah which we hear at Mass from Passion Sunday to Good Friday each year. This evening will be adapted from a Lenten weekend retreat I gave several decades ago at the Fullerton Cenacle entitled *Cooperating With the Power of God*. The questions I'll present for your consideration will be: What does it mean to be *chosen* by God? What does it mean to be God's *servant*? How do we *listen* to God's voice in our lives? What part does *suffering* have in the life of a servant of God?

**Deacon James Norman** will conclude the Lenten Mission on **Wednesday, March 21**, and will invite us to reflect on the Covenant God has made with us. After more than 30 years, Deacon Jim retired from the Kraft Foods Group in July of 2013 to explore the second half of life focused on family and on ministry as an ordained Deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Since 2015, he has served as the Director of Vicariate Operations for the Archdiocese of Chicago working with over 60 churches, 20 grade schools and 13 high schools providing operations, financial and strategic support to meet the needs of the diverse Catholic faith community on the south side of Chicago. Deacon Jim will ask us to consider how we, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, can form a "new covenant" with the Lord in order to live more faithfully in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. This evening and our Lenten Mission, will conclude with a brief prayer service.

Again, all three evenings will begin at 7:00p.m. and if you have to miss one, you won't need to worry about what went before or what comes after since each presentation can stand alone. But try to come for at least one night as we prepare for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and the great nights of the Paschal Triduum.

Fr. Bob