



# The Mercy of God Revealed Through the Sacraments of the Church

*A series of presentations for Adult Formation*

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St. John Vianney Parish—Presentation Hall

Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m. & 6:30-8 p.m.

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Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year, the *Year of Mercy*, a time for the Church to celebrate God's unimaginable, overarching mercy to the world. His motto is "*Merciful, like the Father.*" St. John Vianney will offer six opportunities to learn more about how the Sacraments reveal the Mercy of the Father. These presentations will teach about the great gift that the Father gives us in the Sacraments and how these graced events help us to grow in mercy.

## **The Meaning of Sacrament in the Catholic Church**

**September 23, 2015**

The Catholic Church is a sacramental church. What does that mean and why does it matter? God in His great mercy meets us in a physical way in our lives.

Fr. Philip Schumaker  
Associate Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish

## **The Sacraments of Initiation**

**November 4, 2015**

What are the Sacraments of Initiation? How does God reveal His mercy through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist?

Rich Harter  
Director, Office of Evangelization—John Paul II Center, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

## **Matrimony**

**December 2, 2015**

The sacrament of Matrimony is the Vocation sacrament for many Catholics. What is this sacrament and how do we receive the grace of mercy and share it?

Susan McNeil  
Director, Nazareth Project for Marriage and Family Formation  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

## **Grace and Sin**

**January 27, 2016**

The mercy of God is a tremendous gift to everyone. We all need it because we all sin. Explore the meaning of grace poured out through the sacraments and the grace that helps us overcome sin in our lives.

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## **Reconciliation**

**March 2, 2016**

Reconciliation is the Sacrament that reveals the mercy of God in the most visible way. How did this Sacrament develop in the Church, how does it show God's Mercy and how can it make us more merciful like the Father?

Fr. Ken Knippel  
Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish

## **Holy Orders**

**April 13, 2016**

What are the Holy Orders of the Church? God shows His mercy through the men He chooses to serve and show mercy to His people. What is the meaning of this Sacrament of Vocation?

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