

# ST. MARY OF THE EXPECTATION PARISH MISSION

**MARCH 2-4  
(MONDAY-WEDNESDAY)**

**7:00-8:00 PM  
IN THE CHURCH**

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## **MISSION THEME**

As early as the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, Christians started to sign themselves with a cross. Eighteen centuries later, we continue the practice of making the sign of the cross when we start to pray, when we celebrate the sacraments, and when we enter a church. Done so often and usually out of habit, has this ancient gesture lost its meaning for us?

Over 3 nights, Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will lead us in a parish mission entitled **SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS**. We will explore the identity of our God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with a cross. We will also explore the challenges and responsibilities we accept when we seal our lives with the sign of our salvation.

## **WHO IS THE MISSION PREACHER?**



**REGISTRATION  
IS NOT  
REQUIRED.**

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Albert Haase, OFM, is a popular preacher and teacher. A former missionary to mainland China for over eleven years, he is the award-winning author of more than fifteen books on popular spirituality and the presenter on five bestselling streaming videos (Paraclete Press). He currently resides in San Antonio, TX. Visit his website at [www.AlbertOFM.org](http://www.AlbertOFM.org)