

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

### **What is Eucharistic Adoration?**

We as Catholics, believe that during Mass whether it be on Sunday or daily mass, the priest during the consecration says these words as he holds the Host.”He took bread and gave thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you”. When the priest says this is my body it is at that instant through the miracle of transubstantiation, the bread and wine which we offer as the bloodless sacrifice to our Lord truly become the Body, and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true Presence in the form of bread and wine.

### **It Is Christ!**

When the Priest takes a consecrated host as described above and places it in the monstrance for exposition and then placing it on the altar we then have adoration.

### **Protocol for Adoration**

When you enter the church you will find a book binder with the schedule listing all the adorers for each hour. Please sign in and list the time you arrive. Please feel free to list some of your intentions that you want to pray for. In doing this we can all pray for each other’s intentions. Please remember to always sign out listing the time you leave. This gives the person in charge of adoration record of all hours being covered. We can never leave the Blessed Sacrament alone while in exposition. Someone has to be present at all time.

If for some reason you cannot make your holy hour, please get a substitute from the substitute list or ask a friend to fill in for you, reminding them to sign in. Remember to always genuflect before you take a place of your choice in one of the pews. If you go to the front of the altar to light a candle or to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament remember to always bow toward the Monstrance. This is your hour. Spend it however you wish by praying a rosary, reading the bible, praying your favorite novenas, or just sit, be quite and be still inviting our Lord into your heart. Please refrain from praying out loud so as not to disturb others.

### **THIS WILL BE THE BEST HOUR OF YOUR WEEK!**

Call the St. Mary office to schedule your hour!

## **Twelve **Biblical Reasons** For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In *The Blessed Sacrament***

1. He is really there! "I myself Am the Living Bread come down from Heaven." (Jn 6:35)
2. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of his Infinite love for you! "Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is My affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)
3. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return is to spend one quiet hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Where your treasure is, there is your heart...." "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)
4. When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. "Indeed, this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (Jn 6:40)
5. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His Divine Life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with Him. "I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly." "I am the Vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in Him shall bear much fruit because without Me, you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)
6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart. "Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of your anxieties upon the One Lord who cares for you..." "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Mt 11:28; 5:7; Jn 14:17)
7. Jesus will give you all the Graces you need to be happy! "The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev 7:17)
8. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all He has done for our salvation. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise." (Rev. 5:12)
9. For Peace in our country! "When My people humble themselves and seek My Presence... I will receive their land." (2Chr 7:14)
10. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven! "They who humble themselves shall be exalted..." "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image." (Lk 18:14; 2Cor 3:18)
11. Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith that you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." "Faith can move mountains..." "What is needed is trust..." "Behold I come to make all things new." (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)
12. Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to His Sacred Heart! "My joy, My pleasure, My delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)

## **Twelve Reasons From **The Teachings Of The Church** For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In *The Blessed Sacrament***

1. You are greatly needed! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cena*)
2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)
3. Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life. "Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of Love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due Him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)
4. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cena*)

5. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to Him! "Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since with in the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the Invisible Heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by Him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul IV, *Mysterium Fidei*)
6. Jesus wants you to do more than to go to Mass on Sunday. "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)
7. You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)
8. The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament! "How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)
9. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the Divine Rays of His Grace, His love, His peace. "Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, 'God with us' day and night, He is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)
10. If Jesus were actually visible in the church, everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of Bread, because He is calling us to faith. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore The Blessed Sacrament, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, Whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)
11. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with His. "Jesus teaches those who come to Him, to be like Himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own will, but the will of God." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)
12. If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus Himself bestows upon you with the Invitation of spending one hour a week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "The Divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

