



ADORATION NEWS

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Chapel of the Holy Eucharist

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Jesus Greets You!

In the last issue, we talked about you greeting Jesus as you enter the Chapel; this month, Jesus returns the greeting!

*Jesus, your Savior, is looking at you with love!
Receive and acknowledge the greeting Jesus offers to you!*

St. John Vianney says "Jesus is *really* there, and if you knew how much he loved you, you would be the happiest person in the world."

The Holy Eucharist is truly the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus because as God, He *IS* the power and authority to accomplish immediately what His words signify:

***"This is My Body which is given for you. Do this in Remembrance of me."* (Luke, 22:19)**

Special Thanks

This special *thank-you* is for all volunteers who clean the Adoration Chapel on a weekly basis!

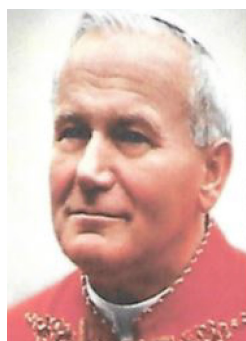
It's easy for us to take your job for granted because we seldom see the people doing it. We want you to know your efforts are appreciated!

I ask all adorers to say a prayer for the intention of the person(s) who cleaned the Chapel that week the next time you are in the Chapel.

Still wondering about something extra to do during Lent?

Consider additional visits to the Chapel of the Holy Eucharist!

*From St. Pope John Paul II on the importance
of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.*



"Closeness to the Eucharistic Christ in silence and contemplation does not distance us from our contemporaries; on the contrary, it makes us open to human joy and distress, broadening our hearts on a global scale. Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Eucharistic Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God."

March Adoration Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

Prayers are requested for a Spirit-filled resolution to the scandels affecting the Church. Pray for healing for those grieving and suffering from depression. Pray for those experiencing marriage problems. Continue to pray for those with cancer and going through chemo- and radiation therapy. Also pray for those seeking employment and for those seeking peace in stressful jobs. Please also pray for our clergy and all involved in evangelization. Prayer for those suffering from addiction, prayer for marriages, prayer to end abortions.

Prayer for children in school that they be protected. All Families to have peace, direction, healing, and protection. Prayer To relieve anxiety and stress. Safe travels for those who are going out.

Give thanks for prayers answered: Recovery from emotional struggles, successful selling of a house, blessings that have come to good friends, Peace and healing has come for inner challenges. Prayer of thanks for good report of person tested and is cancer free. Thankful for years of a good marriage



Adorers Still Needed!

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| Monday | 10AM/11AM | partner needed |
| Monday | 11AM/12Noon | partner needed |
| Wednesday | 1AM/2AM | Open Hour |
| Wednesday | 8AM/9AM | Open Hour |
| Friday | 6PM/7PM | partner needed |

If you are able to help, please sign up by going to www.adorationpro.org/ihmmi and click on *Weekly Commitment*.

A Very Brief History of Adoration.

The essence of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament existed from earliest Christian times, but its form changed over the centuries. From those early times, the Church's dogma that Holy Eucharist is nothing less than the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus has not changed. Once bread and wine are consecrated, the change of substance remains. This was evidenced then, as now, when Holy Communion is brought after Mass to those unable to attend the liturgy due to illness.

Around the fourth century, monasteries began to specifically set aside the Holy Eucharist for the sick and dying; by the 11th Century this was a regular practice in most Catholic churches. But it was not yet customary to pray before the reserved sacrament.

In the 11th century, a French monk, Berengar of Tours erroneously taught the bread and wine of the Eucharist could not be changed substantially into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Pope Gregory VII demanded Berengar retract his position, and *restated* the Church's position that the Body and Blood of Christ were truly present in the Eucharist. In response, Eucharistic Devotion burst forth throughout Europe: processions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and other devotions to the Eucharist became part of Catholic life.

At this time, elevations of the bread and the wine were added to the Mass. Times of extended exposition of the Blessed Sacrament outside the Mass increased and a blessing with the exposed Eucharist, or Benediction, developed.

In 1564, the Council of Trent as part of the *counter-reformation*, among many of its statements on the essence of the Eucharist firmly stated that *"The Eucharist in itself is fitting and worthy of Adoration"*

Important: Chapel Hours During the Triduum and Easter Weekend!

The Adoration Chapel will close at 6:00 PM on Holy Thursday (April 18, 2019) and reopen at 8:00 AM on Monday morning (April 22, 2019).

God is with us in many different ways but none more intimate than experiencing him face-to-face in Adoration.