

IHM ADORATION NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2020



God is more anxious than we are to resume chapel time because He misses us more than we miss Him. Keep praying for an end to this social distancing. As soon as the Diocese lets us know when we can open we will send word.

Rosary of the Seven Sorrows

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows, also known as the Chaplet of Seven Sorrows, is a Rosary based prayer that originated in the thirteenth century, when seven professional men from Florence, which was an important commercial center of Europe, were influenced by the penitential spirit common to the Brothers of Penance with whom they were in close contact. In 1240 they withdrew from the world to pray and serve the Lord, leading a life of penance, prayer and service to Mary. Because of so many visitors, they retreated again to a monastery called Monte Senario which happened to be located on a mountain of the same name near Florence. The group became known as Servites and they devoted their prayer to the rosary of the Seven Sorrows.

By 1244, under the direction of St Peter of Verona, they began wearing a religious habit similar to the Dominicans and began to live under the rule of St Augustine.

The chaplet recalls the Sorrows the Virgin Mother of God endured in compassion for the suffering and death of her Divine Son. The Seven Dolours are taken from Scripture events and the devotion has a long history which developed slowly. Before Pope Pius VII's formal approval, the Servite Order had permission in 1668 to celebrate the Feast of the Seven Dolours because the Order was instrumental in popularizing the Seven Sorrows Devotion. Members of the Servite Order actively promoted the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows during the time of the Black Death (1347-1351).

On July 2, 2001, the Holy See released a declaration of the Bishop for the area of Kibeho, Rwanda where a Marian apparition had taken place in 1982-83, saying the apparitions were worthy of belief. Visionaries reported that Mary identified herself as Our Lady of the Word. Mary instructed one of the visionaries to spread devotion of the Seven Sorrows Rosary. According to the visionary she is quoted as saying: "One must meditate on the Passion of Jesus, and on the sorrows of His Mother. One must recite the Rosary every day, and also the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, to obtain the favour of repentance."

Learn more about the [Seven Sorrow Rosary](#).



Fruits of Adoration

(Part 2 of 3)

- Adoration helps us see God more clearly in other people and in his creation. As we spend more time in the chapel our false self diminishes and our "Christ Likeness" increases, helping our true self see Christ in others, and in the world.
- Adoration allows God to increase his gifts of humility and patience in us. The true value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will hear Him and be moved to change because 'we want to'.
- Adoration gives us privileged access to the God of the universe. The secular world delights in keeping solitude from us. Time spent in Adoration gives us back the gift of solitude, letting us withdraw from 'worldly' cares and enter into oneness with God.

"Faith in this mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist grows in proportion to the time one gives Me in adoration. ... nothing can replace the intimate experience of My Eucharistic friendship - and this is the experience that I offer to you and to all who seek My Eucharistic Face, all who offer a sacrifice of time to My Eucharistic Heart."

In Sinu Jesu p87

Jesus delights in being with us. Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful way to sit in his presence and improve our relationship with him. People willing to commit an hour a week to Adoration are always needed. Think about it ... Pray about it ... It's truly a 'win-win' that you can take with you to eternity.

Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in You!

"Adoration helps to create and deepen within our hearts that silence within which the voice of God is heard."

Anthony DeMello

- Dates of interest:

Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – June 19

Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary – June 20

May 13 – the 103rd Anniversary of Fatima

You're familiar with the Fatima story, and many of us at the request of Our Blessed Mother do recite the rosary often. There are however some fascinating lesser known facts with which you might have at one time been familiar, but father time may have clouded your memory. For example: Do you remember that the 'Angel of Peace' appeared to the shepherd children at Fatima in 1916 on three different occasions. This was the year prior to the appearance of Our Blessed Mother. It's said that the Angels' coming was to prepare the children for Mary's apparitions – the oldest was only 10, and the youngest was 7 years of age. In the spring 1916 the angel taught the children the fervent, attentive, and composed manner in which we should all pray. In the summer 1916 the angel taught them the importance of constantly offering prayers and sacrifices to the Most High. And in the autumn 1916 the angel gave them Holy Communion and demonstrated the proper way to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

During her first appearance the angel taught the children this prayer ... kneeling, with her forehead to the ground, she said, "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you. I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you."

Mary invites all of us to call upon the Angel of Peace to strengthen our prayer life by being more attentive and ardent in our practice, to pray more often, to make more sacrifices and to pray for the conversion of sinners. The prayer the angel taught the children is an easy one – maybe we all can start praying it daily, beginning on the anniversary May 13.

(Do you have bored kids at home? Challenge them to find the name of the 'Angel of Peace'. It's reported that she is an Archangel, and that she was also present in the Garden of Gethsemane during the Passion of Jesus to give Him support.)

Expand your knowledge of Fatima: www.ewtn.com/fatima

Why Pray in His Presence?

"Why go to church or a chapel with the Blessed Sacrament to pray? Why can't I just pray at home?"

The main reason is because it speaks tomes of love to Him. You know the saying about 'actions & words'. "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us" (St Alphonsus Liguori). Jesus made it clear in Gethsemane that the presence of His friends brought Him comfort. (Mt 26:38) He is human, remember, and likes to be with those He loves too. Texting, phone calls, and Skype are all nice, but they don't compete with being together.

Jesus manifests an even greater love for us by being there too. He humbles Himself to become our food, and in waiting in the tabernacle or monstrance in the hope that we'll come and visit Him. He's called the "Prisoner of Love", for He's chosen to imprison Himself thus for us. This is the one corporal work of mercy we can perform directly for Jesus: visit the imprisoned." (Eight Ways of Loving God – Jeanette Flood p.111)

Replacing Candles

We appreciate people replacing candles on the altar in the Adoration Chapel when the wax gets low. However, sometimes candles are being replaced too early. A candle with 1 inch of wax, whether liquid or solid will burn for over 24 hours. Let's try to conserve and not replace candles until there is less than a quarter inch of wax.

Quick Links

[Adoration Schedule: Midnight to 6AM](#)

[Adoration Schedule: 6AM to Noon](#)

[Adoration Schedule: Noon to 6PM](#)

[Adoration Schedule: 6PM to Midnight](#)

A list of great 'reads' -

[Adoration – Bibliography May 2020](#)

[The gift of Indulgence](#)

Current Adoration Needs

Monday	1PM-2PM	Need Partner
Monday	2PM-3PM	Open Hour
Tuesday	6AM-7AM	Need Partner
Wednesday	1PM-2PM	Open Hour
Friday	10AM-11AM	Open Hour
Friday	11AM-12PM	Open Hour
Friday	12PM-1PM	Open Hour
Friday	3PM-4PM	Need Partner

Primary 'need' is to cover the 'open' hours. We need new Adorers willing to step up and agree to take an 'open' hour on a regular basis registering for that hour in [AdorationPro](#).

We also currently have 43 hours during the 5 day week of Adoration (120 hours) when only one person is officially assigned to be there. The system would work much better if we could have two people who would agree to cover every hour. Only one of the partners has to be there each week ... so you see you have a built-in substitute system. Maybe you could agree to cover only two days a month, and simply partner with someone.

We're fortunate in that a lot of people do visit the chapel to pray regularly. The downside is that many are not registered as Adorers, and do not register as visitors via the kiosk. Please – start using the kiosk if you are not in the habit of doing so now.

If you are a regular visitor to the chapel we encourage you to seriously consider officially signing up for that time slot or another convenient hour. We all know that you cannot 'out give' God.