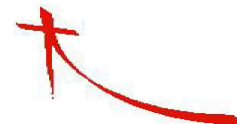




ADORATION NEWS

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Chapel of the Holy Eucharist



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(Here are two more installments in the series regarding your experiences in the Adoration Chapel)

After sharing with and receiving from God, We need to respond!

It is very important that we respond to God's love for us. Acknowledge particular gifts of love you received from Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Ask for continued grace to grow in sensitivity to Their activity in your life.

The ways God speaks to us.

During prayer, God speaks to us in three ways. To understand these ways, remember our relationship with Him is based on faith. Faith allows us to go beyond what is perceived by our senses. As an example, we know by Faith, Christ is truly present in the Eucharist even though our senses only see bread and wine. And Christian prayer always takes place within the atmosphere of Faith.

First, God can speak to us through consolation. Through consolation, God touches, comforts and strengthens our souls by a *felt* awareness of His love, presence, goodness, power and beauty.

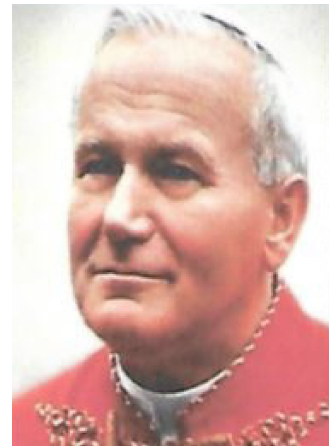
Second, God can speak to us in prayer by increasing the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, piety, fear of the Lord, fortitude and counsel. Each of these gifts nourishes our spiritual muscles and builds up our spiritual faculties.

Third, God speaks to our souls through words, ideas or inspirations that we recognize as clearly coming from Him. God can speak this way to us even when we are not actively engaged in prayer. But a mature prayer life will help make our souls more sensitive to these direct inspirations.

**Jesus assures us that any effort we make through prayer will bring grace into our souls *whether we feel it or not!* "Seek and you shall find; ask, and it shall be given to you; knock, and the door will be opened."
(Matt 7: 7-8)**

***From St. Pope John Paul II On The Importance of
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.***

Like so many pilgrims before us, we kneel in wonder and adoration before the ineffable mystery which was accomplished here. In this Child, the Son who is given to us, we find rest for our souls and the true bread that never fails - the Eucharistic Bread foreshadowed even in the name of the town of His birth: *Beth-lehem*, the house of bread. God lies hidden in the Child; divinity lies hidden in the Bread of Life.



**September / October Adoration Prayer
Requests and Thanksgivings.**

Please pray for...:

Peace.

Conversion of Souls.

Safe travels.

God's strength to stand against evil.

The President, all leaders, our country.

Families.

Holy Spirit's guidance for the church.

Saint Jude Children's Research.

Finding a home.

Better/closer relationships.

Upcoming surgeries.

Holy Spirit's guidance through fears and anxieties, for Wisdom.

Blessings for those suffering with cancer

Healing of body and soul.

...and give God thanks for prayers answered...:

Surgery went well.

Happy Marriage.

Found a home.

Great wedding and reception.

What if the Kiosk is Not Working?

We've experienced times when the kiosk in the Chapel has not been working. So far all outages have been minor and easily fixed with minimal delay.

As a reminder, if you cannot sign-in electronically, start a manual sign-in sheet. There are blank sign-in sheets in the cabinet on the lower shelf left side. Please **write the date at the top** and keep with the 'prayer intention' book.

After the system has been restored, times from the sign-in sheet will be manually entered into 'Pro' to show continuity of service.

2019 Holiday Adoration Chapel Closures

Because Adoration News is published every two months, we are listing Adoration Chapel closures for the remaining holydays/holidays for 2019.

Thanksgiving:

Chapel closes at midnight, Wednesday, November 27, and reopens Monday morning, December 2, at 8:00A.M.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!



Christmas:

Chapel closes at noon, Tuesday, December 24, and reopens Thursday morning, December 26, at 8:00 A.M.

Have a very Blessed Christmas!



New Years:

Chapel closes at noon, Tuesday, December 31, and reopens Thursday morning, January 2, 2020, at 8:00 A.M.

Happy New Year!

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*

Even though your scheduled Adoration time may be during one of the closed periods, try making an unschedule visit during the other open times.

Bad Weather and the Adoration Chapel.

As winter approaches, the affects of bad weather and the Adoration Chapel remaining open become more of an obvious concern. The general rule is:

If IHM's school is closed due to bad weather, the Adoration Chapel will be closed until 8AM the following morning.

If school closes on Friday, Adoration resumes Sunday at midnight.

School closing notices are sent via the Parish App; an eMail notice is 'pushed' through AdorationPro; and our school is included on the list of closures announced on local TV stations. Even if you don't have children in our school, it is a good idea to add one of the media weather apps to your phone to stay informed.

Winter Subs

Closely coupled with the Adoration Chapel closing due to bad weather is to be aware some of our older Adorers may have difficulty traveling to fulfill their Adoration commitment and will ask for a substitute. These requests could be generated with short notice.

We currently have 74 registered substitute Adorers. With that large number, we should not have a problem filling a sub request. But on occasion we still have requests that are not filled. It's the old 80/20 rule.

If you told God you wanted to be part of His team, I encourage you not to ignore your Adoration eMail. Open it, read it, check your calendar. And if you are able, pick up someone's sub request. That action WILL NOT go unrewarded.

Learn how to set the day of week and hours you are available as a sub:

<https://ihmadoration.blogspot.com/p/setting-your-available-sub-hours.html>

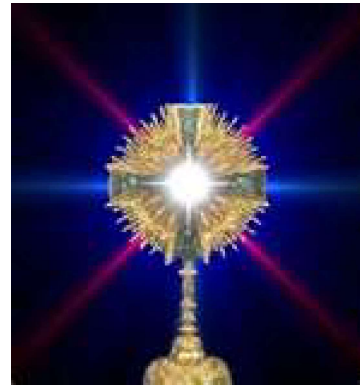
Did you know? ... even if you did, I'm going to say it again.

Christianity is the *only* religion in the world who's God comes looking for its members. Our God seeks us out. He wants to be with us so much that He comes looking for us. In every other religion in the history of the world members have to seek their god. What's love got to do with it? Everything.

Advent and Eucharistic Adoration

Advent begins on December 1st.

Advent is that beautiful time of year that helps us focus on the spiritual preparation for Christmas and on the coming of our Lord. It's that time of year when every Christian publication we subscribe to, every Christian radio station listened to, and perhaps every homily heard, encourages us to ***prepare for Jesus' coming*** into the world and remember the real meaning of Christmas.



One of the best ways to prepare during Advent is through prayer. And one of the best ways to pray is through Eucharistic Adoration. One definition of *prayer* is *relationship with God*.



Have you ever been able to establish a relationship with someone, or improve the relationship, without spending time with them? Of course not. The same holds true with God.

Advent is the opportunity to improve your relationship. And our beautiful Adoration Chapel is the perfect place for more "face time" with God.

