

## ADORATION NEWS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel of the Holy Eucharist



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# (In this issue, we have two installments in the series regarding your experiences in the Adoration Chapel)

#### Share With God

In the last issue, we talked about searching your heart! Now, share with God what you discovered during your search.

Pour your heart out to God as you would to a good friend. Talk to God about whatever is occupying your thoughts and life, even if you cannot make sense of it. Be honest with God about your interior attitudes and the movement of your heart.

Express sorrrow for your sins and gratitude for God's blessings. Ask God to heal wounds that come to mind and invite God to help you.

#### Receive From God

Pay attention to what is happening in your heart before, during and after your prayer time and sharing with God. Watch and listen for God's response as you seek him. Watch for subtle movements in your affections and attitudes through the day. Listen for His gentle, peaceful, quiet voice.

Try to distinguish between what was in your heart as you entered your time of prayer and what is there after prayer!

### **Adorers Needed!**

These time slots are available:

Monday 11 A.M. - Noon 1 Adorer needed to take over the hour.

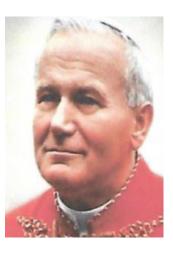
Wednesday 1 A.M. - 2 A.M. Open Hour. Friday 10 A.M. - 11A.M. Open Hour.

Friday 6 P.M. - 7 P.M. Partner needed.

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

"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."

"I hope that your example attracts many souls to the Adoration of Jesus Christ who is present on the altar to be of comfort and hope to those who confide in Him with faith and love; they look on Him as the Emmanuel, God with us, who wished to dwell amongst us: *His heart in our heart.*"



## <u>September / October Adoration Prayer Requests and Thanksgivings.</u> <u>Please pray for...:</u>

All families experiencing loss of loved ones..

Recently deceased IHM parishioners..

All families with unspecified special intentions and needs..

Peace within all families.

As summer comes to an end, continued safety for summer vacationers.

IHM School.

All kids returning to schools everywhere.

IHM's new school principal.

All new marriages.

All existing marriages.

Eternal rest and peace for the dead.

Salvation for all family members.

The return to the Faith for fallen away Catholics.

All souls in Purgatory.

Physical and Spiritual healing for family members and friends.

The selling of a house,

Peace in Sudan and in Hong Kong.

Employment.

Victims and families of those affected by recent shootings in Texas and Florida.

For families to love each other.

For strength, peace, and endurance

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

Successful employment.

Blessings for Family.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

A replica of the image that our Blessed Mother left on St. Juan Diego's *tilma* will be in Grand Rapids for two and half weeks beginning mid-September. IHM is honored to host the Image beginning Sunday, Sept. 22, for 3 ½ days. Current planned activities include: Veneration and prayer on Sept. 22, at 2:00 P.M. in church; and a concluding Children's Liturgy on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 8:30A.M. in church. When the Image is not at a special event, it will be displayed in the Adoration Chapel for veneration and prayer.

Please note: Events and programs are still being finalized. Plans will be published on the parish website <a href="www.ihmparish.com">www.ihmparish.com</a> as they are finalized. Be sure to check there for the latest updates.



St. Juan Diego's tilma imprinted with Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### Thank You, Adoration Subtitutes!

July and August saw a flurry of substitute request activity with as many as 20 sub slots filled or requested at the same time. During those two months, the number of requests never dropped below 10 at any time.

Thank you everyone for your dedication and support during those summer months and for stepping up to help when you could.

#### **Adoration Donations:**

The donation box formerly in the Adoration Chapel had to be removed because of recent theft and destruction of property. We sincerely hope you continue to support the Chapel through your generous giving using the pre-addressed envelopes located on the left hand bookshelf in the back of the Chapel. You can return your donation envelope by mailing to the parish, dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, returning it to the parish office during business hours or slipping them through the mail slot in the front of the parish office.

Beginning on the first Sunday in October, Chapel donation envelopes will be purple to easily differentiate them from other causes supported by the parish.

#### Thank you for your continued support.

## 30 Minutes of Adoration Can Lead to a Plenary Indulgence

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our God of Mercy quickly and without doubt forgives us of ALL of our sins. Even though our sins are forgiven, the Catholic Church teaches there remains the temporal punishment due to sin.

Temporal punishment is absolved through *indulgences*. As defined in the Code of Canon Law (Can. 992) and in the <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> (n.1471), an *indulgence* is a remission before God of temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Indulgences got a bad reputation during the 16th Century when the Church was attacked for the practice of *selling* indulgences to raise money. This practice led Luther in his attempts to reform the Church and consequently ushered in the Reformation (1517-1648). To be sure, the Church condemned any practice resembling selling indulgences.

There are two kinds of indulgences: partial and plenary. Partial indulgences take care of *part* of the purification and healing you would otherwise need in Purgatory due to your sins. Plenary indulgences remove *all* temporal punishment accrued up to the time of receiving the indulgence.

*The Manual of Indulgences - Norms and Grants*, published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops specifically states: "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit the Blessed Sacrament for adoration lasting at least a half hour." (p.48.)

Follow the link below to a fuller explanation of indulgences and the requirements for receiving them. Don't miss these opportunities for a lack of 'knowing'. It pleases God when we accept His gifts.

http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-are-indulgences/