

BREAD OF LIFE

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Matt 28:20

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Jesus Waits for us Here *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Adore and visit Jesus, abandoned and forsaken by men in His Sacrament of Love. Man has time for everything except for visits to His Lord and God, WHO IS WAITING AND LONGING FOR US in the Blessed Sacrament. The streets and places of entertainment are filled with people; the House of God is deserted. Men flee from it; they are afraid of it. Ah! Poor Jesus! Did you expect so much indifference from those You have redeemed, from Your friends, from Your children, from me?

Sympathize with Jesus Who is betrayed, insulted, mocked, and crucified far more ignominiously in His Sacrament of Love than He was in the Garden of Olives, in Jerusalem, and on Calvary. Those whom He has the most honored, loved, and enriched with His gifts and graces are the very ones who offend Him the most by their indifference.

Offer up for this intention all that you have suffered during the day or week that Jesus may be loved and adored by all. Because we ourselves are unable to atone for so much wrong, we unite ourselves to the infinite merits of our Savior Jesus. Receive His Divine Blood as it mystically flows from His Holy Wounds, and offer it to the Father in perfect atonement for the sins of the world.

Take His sufferings and His prayer on the Cross and beg the Heavenly Father for pardon and mercy for all. Unite your reparation to that of the most Blessed Virgin at the foot of the Cross or the altar, and from the love of Jesus for His Divine Mother you will obtain everything.

"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass."
St. Padre Pio

As of 3/14/12 – 22 hours are in need of a partner or guardian:

12am Thursday

1am Monday/ Wednesday/Thursday /Saturday

2am Sunday/Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ Saturday

3am Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday

4am Sunday/Thursday/Saturday

7am Thursday

11am Monday

2pm / 3pm / 5pm Saturday

11pm Wednesday

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." "I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, both individually and in community" Pope Benedict XVI, February 22, 2007

Recommended Reading For Eucharistic Adoration

***The Gift of Faith:* by Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer.**

1 of 21 - 5 star ratings on Amazon.com:

A friend recommended this book to me about 6 years ago, and it took me about a year to actually read it. It changed my whole outlook on life and how to see God in every event of my life. It is a book of inspiration and hope. It is the key to opening up to God's everlasting mercy and love. It is a book on how to seek, find, and do God's will. A BEAUTIFUL read!

If We Have Jesus, We Have Everything! Dr. Ralph Martin, President Renewal Ministries www.renewalministries.net

For those of us in the Northern climate April is the month where spring really starts to kick in and the hope of reasonably warmer weather is realized. But I think we're all looking forward to the perfect climate of Heaven, where it's always true that "love is in the air." Come Lord Jesus!

"In the world you will have troubles, but take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) These words of Jesus should reassure us that no matter what happens in the world—and troubles will continue—if we stay united to Jesus we will not be conquered by the troubles, but overcome them in the hope of Jesus' resurrection. Lately at Mass after receiving communion I've just been very strongly aware of the truth of this. If we have Jesus we literally have everything that we need. If we don't have Jesus, no matter what else we have, we don't have what we need. What great mercy has been shown to us who believe!

And the words of the apostles come to mind: "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22) Somehow, it's in the Providence of God, to permit the troubles and hardships of life on earth—for our good and the good of the Church—as challenging as it may be to understand at times. We know by faith, if not always by our feelings, that the words of James are true, "Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4)

So, hang in there, dear brothers and sisters, because "the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." (Rom. 8:18)

**"If we really loved the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives."
St. John Vianney (on Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament)**

Silence: A Reflection by Ed Stubbing – St. Gregory Barbarigo Parishioner

Noooooiise! Noooooiise! Omnipresent noise. It engulfs, dilutes, twists ... us. Noise rules this world and ... it rules another world as well.

"I, Sister Faustina, by the order of God, have visited the Abysses of Hell so that I might tell souls about it and testify to its existence. It is a place of great torture; how awesomely large and extensive it is! I saw seven tortures....The Seventh Torture: Horrible despair, hatred of God, **vile words, curses and blasphemies.**"

But silence ... in its softness ... is God. Silence is Jesus in the Agony of the Garden when he saw the trillions of sins of God's children.

Silence is Mary at the foot of the Cross, so close to her Son; close enough for the precious blood from the crown of thorns to fall upon her until ... His bleeding stopped.

Come to the chapel. See His presence in the consecrated bread. Hear His presence in the silence of your heart.

If you have a short story or reflection about Eucharistic adoration that you would like to share with others, send it to:

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Not all stories will be used.

"In the Blessed Sacrament God loves us so tenderly. He empties Himself completely. O, who could believe it? Withholding nothing, He gives his all. He gives his flesh for us to eat. He gives his blood for us to drink. He gives his soul, his infinite being to transform us into Himself. Praised be the Blessed Sacrament!" St. Louis de Montfort

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HERE AT ST. GREGORY'S PARISH**

If you would like to make a promise to the Lord to spend one specific hour or more each week before the Blessed Sacrament, please call Bob or Jessica Zottoli at 429-0320.