

BREAD OF LIFE

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

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And He said to them, "The harvest is great and the workers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send workers to His harvest." Luke 10:2

Many blessings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is something the great apostle Paul would say on any day back about roughly 2000 years ago.

If we can, please take a few seconds and look at the scripture verse above. What does this verse mean to you? We know that everyone is different and scripture does affect each of us in different ways. Can you again take a moment and place this scripture upon your hearts and relate this verse to our chapel of Adoration at St. Gregory's. Now does it have a meaning that we can all almost relate to?

Our chapel has been open for prayer for almost eight years. We are in need of parishioners from St. Greg's to take an hour of adoration so our doors can always remain open. We have many people who have been signed up as hourly guardians since the first day we opened the chapel. Some of these folks have moved on and some can no longer keep their commitment. We have always tried to have two people assigned to each hour so there is always coverage especially when one guardian is not able to be there due to sickness, vacation or family obligations.

We are looking for new people to be a part of our adoration family. By signing up you can help us grow and expand our parish community and truly know that our bond which connects us is Jesus Christ.

Jesus promised to remain with us always until the end of time. Can you stand watch with Him for one hour?

In His Service,
Bob Zottoli
Coordinator of St. Gregory Barbarigo's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

**"O unfathomable depth! O Deity eternal! O deep ocean!
What more could You give me than to give me Yourself?"
St. Catherine of Siena**

As of 6/2/12 – 20 hours are in need of a partner or guardian:

**1am Monday/ Wednesday/Thursday /Saturday
2am Sunday/Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ Saturday
3am Wednesday/ Friday/Saturday
4am Thursday/Saturday
6am Saturday
11am Sunday
3pm / 5pm / 8pm Saturday
11pm Wednesday**

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Luke 24:30-31

Recommended Reading For Eucharistic Adoration

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper. Brant Pitre

"In the Mass – in the 'blood of the new and everlasting covenant' – Christ fulfills the rites of the old covenant. This beautiful book by Dr. Brant Pitre shows us that fulfillment in loving detail. We gain an appreciation of what was, so that we can see, ever more clearly, what 'is now and ever shall be.' Clear, profound and practical – you do not want to miss this book." – Dr. Scott Hahn, author of *The Lamb's Supper*

"In *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* Brant Pitre pairs together the Jewish Scriptures and the Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Christian practice—the Eucharist. By taking us back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Pitre gives us a powerful lens through which to see anew the bread of the presence, the manna, the Last Supper, and ultimately the meaning of Christian Eucharist. Pitre's mastery of Scripture and the Jewish traditions makes him the perfect guide for anyone seeking to understand the climax of Jesus' ministry, the Last Supper and the first Eucharist."

– Dr. Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute

The Eucharist- The Supreme “Moment of Transcendence.”

Every person experiences in their life what I call “moments of transcendence.” A moment of transcendence is an experience where our hearts, minds and souls are lifted up away from ourselves, and for a moment, often only a very short moment, we experience the presence of God in a deep and profound way. They can occur while we are walking on the beach as the sun begins to set, while a parent holds their newborn child in their arms for the first time, or even when we are simply enjoying a meal with a friend who we love dearly. These moments do not follow a strict pattern or method, they can occur anywhere and at any time.

What do these moments tell us about ourselves? Are they merely just psychological projections resulting from frustration with our daily lives or are they tiny glimpses into the destiny that we are all a part of?

These moments, though they are often rare, remind us of our destiny. They whisper to us of a future life, a life we are slowly moving towards each day. A life where suffering and pain are extinguished, a life where confusion and anxiety is replaced by clarity and peace, and a life where God, no longer “hidden” beyond the distractions we have placed before him in this world, stands before us with arms ready to embrace us. In short, these moments are little glimpses of heaven, that “place” of ultimate fulfillment, peace and joy.

Yet these moments, as wonderful as they are, do not have to be rare occasions for us. They occur every day in the Eucharist, because it is there where we not only encounter God and adore him from a distance, but it is there where he allows himself to be consumed by us and enters into the very depths of our being. He who is the creator of the universe “hides” himself under the appearance of bread so that we would not be afraid to approach him.

The Eucharist is a foretaste of heaven because it is Jesus Christ we receive in the Eucharist, not a symbol but a person, and it is that same Jesus Christ who is heaven itself. At each Mass we have the opportunity to experience the ultimate “moment of transcendence,” that moment where we are lifted up from ourselves and this world and kneel before the destiny that awaits us all, the destiny which we are all created for.

There is nothing greater in this life than the Eucharist. Though there are many “moments of transcendence” that we experience in this life, the Eucharist is that supreme moment of transcendence because it reveals God himself. The good news is that we do not have to search far and wide for this experience. It is available to us each day in the Mass.

Fr. Jeremiah Myriam Shryock, CFR
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Let the Healing Begin – Eileen Peterson, Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Gregory Barbarigo

There was a married couple that came to the Rachel Ministry at the Marian Shrine. Their pain was enormous for they had lost their first baby in childbirth. Their baby was stillborn when delivered by a midwife. Their guilt was enormous. They should have had the baby in the hospital, etc. After reassuring the couple that this loss was not their fault and God has their son, the tears flowed from both Mom and Dad. I asked them if they would like to be with Jesus at the Perpetual Eucharistic Chapel right down the road. They followed me and I led them into the Chapel and stayed with them for awhile. When I left, they were both deep in prayer. Days later I received a phone call thanking me for their journey of healing was beginning to become bearable.

I have a testimony of complete healing from a serious health issue that I have been battling with for quite some time. God has healed me and I am praising him with all my heart. God has given me a second chance at life. Thanks to adoration and for Jesus! My doctor was shocked and surprised to see that I am in the clear. He wasn't expecting to see such a report. Thank You Jesus!! *Nanci Perruna, Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Gregory Barbarigo*

Now salvation and power has come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed. The accuser of our brothers is cast out, who accuses them before our God day and night. They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. Rev 12: 10-11

BE A PART OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 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.

I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! Is 49:5