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What are the fruits of Eucharistic Adoration?

- “This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him, will have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day” (Jn 6:40)
- Jesus wants it. He made this very clear when He appeared to St. Margaret Mary and said “I have a burning desire to be honored in the Blessed Sacrament.
- It deepens our understanding of the Mass.
- It helps us appreciate Priesthood. “No Priests no Eucharist”.
- People who observe regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration experience a deeper devotion to Jesus. “The act of Adoration outside of Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place in the Liturgical Celebration itself” (Pope Benedict XVII)
- It leads to a growth in holiness. “There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become pupils of the Eucharist” (Pope John XXIII)
- Eucharistic Adoration affords us the opportunity to experience greater inner peace and contentment.
- It enables us to make reparation for sins committed especially sins against the Blessed Sacrament.
- It gives us an opportunity to experience many extra graces and blessings for ourselves, our families and our parish community. (St. John Bosco)
- It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored, vocations flourish. “Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest” (Mt 9:38)
- “Eucharistic Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond” (Pope Paul VI)
- “Come to Me all who labor and are burdened during your life and more consolation at the hour of death” (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)
- Attendance at Adoration is a wonderful generous response to the invitation from our Divine Lord “Could you not watch one hour with Me”?

“DO YOU WANT THE LORD TO GIVE YOU MANY GRACES? VISIT HIM OFTEN”

(St. John Bosco)

ADORATION - THE IMPORTANCE OF A SPECIFIC HOUR

In order to have a constant vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we must make sure that each hour is covered. Therefore it is necessary for each person to commit himself or herself to a specific hour once a week, for example, Tuesday at 4pm. In this way, we can organize the hours in such a way that someone is with Jesus all the time.

Is Jesus important enough to you to set aside one special hour each week to be with Him? Just one hour once a week is all that He is asking. It's a matter of putting first things first. "In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success" (Prov. 3:6) Imagine the Pope wanting you to set aside one specific hour each week to be with them. You would feel like the most important person in the world. You would be overjoyed. You would tell all of your friends about it. You would be faithful every week in keeping your appointed time. You would let nothing interfere with your meeting with someone so important as the Pope. Should you treat Our Lord with any less dignity?

Because people can't see Jesus, they take His Love and Presence in the Blessed Sacrament for granted. People are hesitant in making a commitment for a specific hour because they let everything else come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Your faith will make this commitment easy! "Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see". (Heb 11:11) Your faith will help you realize this with conviction.

Your willingness to choose an assigned hour is a precious expression of your faith that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is welcomed, loved, and adored by you. Don't be afraid to take a fixed hour for fear that there may be times that you can't make it. There is a list of substitutes on the bulletin board outside the Adoration Chapel with available days and hours. We also have a coordinators in charge of a specific block of hours who can help you. Just don't wait for the last minute to call for help if you know when you can't make it. Just think of the words from scripture: "You have nothing whatsoever to fear from Him. Get up. He is calling you!" (Mk 10:50). Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love".

What does being committed to Eucharistic Adoration mean to me?

By Gale Zensky

Being with the Lord in His Eucharistic Presence is a great means of peace, comfort, growth and insight for me. I find it easier to follow through on my resolutions and goals. Something about the quiet and one-on-one with Jesus enables me to improve my focus and prayer time. His Presence is such a grace. I see better relationships in my life which I know come from God's grace. Although I spend much time during my daily duties conversing with the Lord, it is obvious to me that I am closer to Jesus when we spend time face to face. I have tried to spend time in adoration when it is convenient with my schedule (and I still do that) but it is too easy for me to "be busy about many things" like Martha and not get there when I think I will. The weekly commitment strengthens my faith and improves my prayer life and relationship with the Lord. And isn't that the reason for our lives? (to grow in relationship with God so as to live with Him forever). The bonus is, that because of committed people (guardians) our Adoration Chapel can stay open 24/7 so that anyone is free to come and go when they please. It's a win/win situation. Won't you try committing to an hour each week?

Since Dec 8, 2001, on the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Our Lady of Fatima Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has been open 24 hours everyday where thousands have visited Our Eucharistic Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the past 14 years. No doubt so many have found their heart and satisfied their intimate longings to be with God through Eucharistic Adoration; and while blessings flowed from the Lord and prayers answered in which Jesus draws us deeper into the love of His Sacred Heart. Through the hand of Our Blessed Mother the mission of the Adoration Chapel continually provides opportunity for many to be drawn into the very Heart of the Holy Trinity, giving praise, honor and glory to God our Father, source of all life, grace and authority.

In order to continue with this sublime mission, we are called to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus. We need a few additional souls who will help manage the scheduling of our Eucharistic Guardians who have faithfully committed an hour a week so that the Chapel remains open to all; and makes Jesus available for adoration by anyone who seeks His love and peace. (Gerry Aboyme)

A guardian commits to the same hour and day every week. Signs their name on the printed sheet by their hour and puts in the time of arrival and when leaving put in the time. A guardian waits for the next guardian to sign in. If a guardian is unable to attend a specific Holy Hour, due to vacation or sickness they should try to contact a dependable substitute, e.g. a family member, friend or neighbor. If a substitute cannot be found in this manner, then the guardian should call their prayer partner (see below) to make sure the slot is filled.

A substitute can also be found on the substitute list on the bulletin board outside the chapel. If all else fails call your hourly coordinator. Answering machines or messages should not be relied upon.

A prayer partner is a person who shares the same holy hour with you, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. By having a prayer partner, you are not alone for the hour, and you each have an automatic substitute. If one of you can't make the hour, job, illness, etc., you call your partner to make sure that he/she will be there to cover the hour. **JESUS CANNOT BE LEFT ALONE .**

A substitute is someone who is willing to cover for a guardian who is sick or cannot make a particular hour for another reason. The substitute must sign in and out by the name of the person they are covering for. A substitute must remain with Jesus until the next guardian arrives and signs in.

A coordinator is a person in charge of a block of hours (for example 6 AM TO 6 PM). The coordinator calls the guardians in his or her block if the chapel is closed during that period for inclement weather. There is a coordinator list on the bulletin board outside of the chapel.

The following hours have only one guardian. We need two!

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
9 AM	5 AM	8 AM	10 AM	11 AM	8 AM	2 AM
10 AM	1 PM	12 NOON	12 NOON	1 PM	9 AM	3 AM
11 AM	2 PM	1 PM	1 PM	2 PM	10 AM	9 AM
12 NOON	11 PM	2 PM	2 PM	4 PM	11 AM	12 NOON
3 PM	12 MID	4 PM	3 PM	5 PM	5 PM	
8 PM					10 PM	
9 PM						
11 PM						

I wish to be one of the following: Please circle

Guardian Substitute Coordinator



PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ Parish _____

Email: _____ Day - Hour _____

Please cut out and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish center and one of us will call you

Our Lady of Fatima Monthly Flea Market, faith, friendship, food and fun!

In August of 2012, **Father Paul** gave permission for the monthly flea market to take place. The **Lopez family, Luis, Luz, Ricardo and Stacy**, took the leadership role in organizing the flea market and provided the organization of the donations, provided for sale, to benefit the parish, prepared food to sell, supplied music to enjoy, and advertised for vendors to come and join the experience on the last Saturday of every month. For three years at twenty five dollars a space, vendors with new and gently used items have joined in the fun and fellowship.



Stacy Lopez sells donated items to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

There has always been a wide variety of items; clothes for all family members, baby items, toys, electronics, house ware items, seasonal holiday displays, jewelry, franchises such as Mary Kay and Avon, beautiful books on churches, religious statues, books, DVDs, CDs and more. Every month there is something new and different. Delicious food items are sold such as homemade chicken empanadas served with the best salsa ever, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, soda, donuts and snacks. There is something for everyone.

The special items present at the flea market that cost absolutely nothing at all are friendships to be made, sharing of our Catholic faith through evangelization, and fun just being together. There are smiles and the wonderful sound of laughter from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm., everyone works together.

Since August 2012, the flea market has raised over **twenty four thousand dollars** for the parish of Our Lady of Fatima.

The new monthly Flea Market and Garage Sale will begin on Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 am and run until 3:00 pm. It will be held on the **second Saturday of the month**, rain or shine, in the Cafeteria of the Recreation Center or weather permitting, you may choose to sell your items outside in the parking lot. Clean out your closets and either donate your items to the parish flea market tables or make some extra money for yourself. Please join us a vendor and or a shopper. Volunteers are welcome to assist in setting up and packing the parish items back up. Donations are always welcome. To reserve your space please call **732-735-5472**. Check our parish website at www.olfparish.org as well. The fee per 10'x10' space is only twenty five dollars and all proceeds go to our parish.

The parish family would like to thank all who have donated their time, talent and resources to make the flea market a success. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 12.

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