

Call to Adoration



OUR PARISH IS PREPARING TO ANSWER THIS CALL TO

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Dear fellow parishioners,

On Friday, October 1, 2021, I have invited Bishop Wayne Lobsinger to bless our Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration again.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is our response to Jesus' love for us, We become a part of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration when we willingly consent to spend a quiet holy hour of prayer in His Eucharistic Presence once a week on the same day at the same time every week so that all of us united together adore Our Lord perpetually seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

You and your loved ones are invited to be part of this wonderful opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. Please pray about this, and consider committing yourself to a weekly hour of prayer in our chapel. **On the weekend of August 7/8 & 21/22 at all our Masses you will have an opportunity to sign a pledge form; you may sign up earlier by emailing the parish office at ihmchurch@cogeco.net. Our Chapel Hours would be Monday 10a.m. to Saturday 9a.m**

Thank you for your kind attention
In Christ's love,
Father Bill Trusz

Come, let us adore Him!



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

A piece of heaven on Earth!! At every Mass, Jesus becomes truly present on the altar at the consecration when the priest holds the host and speaks the words that Jesus said to His disciples at the Last Supper: “Take this, all of you and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.” Our Catholic Faith teaches us that at that moment, the bread that we offer in sacrifice to our Lord truly becomes the Body, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is nourishment for our souls and for the world.

From earliest time, some of the consecrated hosts from the Mass were left over to bring to the sick and shut-in. The church came to realize that Jesus was still present in the hosts, even after the Mass. People revered the hosts, calling them the “Blessed Sacrament” and keeping them in a sacred place, called a Tabernacle. They began to visit the Tabernacle at times other than Mass times, in order to pray and quite simply, enjoy the Lord’s ongoing presence.

In exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the priest places a consecrated host in a beautiful receptacle specially designed for viewing the host – a monstrance; then the people may come and venerate Jesus in the monstrance on the altar at any time during the week. That is what we are starting in our church, beginning in October of this year.

What do you actually do during Adoration? The Holy Hour that the Adorer spends with Jesus is a very personal time devoted to silent prayer, reading spiritual material, or sitting quietly while keeping Jesus company. He wants to hear about your day and tell you of His love for you!

As an Adorer, what are my responsibilities? Your responsibility is to be present in the chapel during your hour each week or to find a substitute. You can ask a friend or family member to take your place, trade hours with another Adorer, or call someone on the substitute list. There is also an Hour Captain for each hour who can help find a substitute.

I’m too busy to commit to a regular hour. Can I ‘drop in’ from time to time? Anyone is welcome to visit the chapel at any time; we have numerous visitors who ‘drop-in.’ However, if you can commit to being there weekly, you may find that this one hour a week of silent prayer in the presence of Our Lord will bring a greater sense of peace and serenity to their your life. In Jesus’ words: *Come to Me, all of you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you* (Mt. 11:28).

What do church leaders say about Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Mother Teresa of Calcutta: “to save the world, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration should be in every parish and time spent there *is the best time you will spend on earth.*” Pope John Paul II: “*Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and contemplation that is full of faith... ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.*”

How do I schedule an hour with Our Lord in Adoration? To schedule an hour of Adoration, volunteer as a substitute or obtain further information, please visit our parish website www.ihmchurch.ca.

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