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EUCCHARIST: THE WORD AND THOUGHTS ON ADORATION

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS GOD

"Throughout the centuries sacred writers have vied with one another in describing the marvel of the Real Presence. It has been called the greatest work of God, the mirror of the divine perfections, the reflection of the wisdom, the immensity and the eternity of God, a type of all the operations of God, the teacher of unity of God. It has been described as the continuation and the parallel of the Incarnation and the sum of its wonders, as the mirror of the life of Christ, as the triumph of the Church and even as its very life, as the explanation of the phenomena of the Church, as the compendium of all miracles, as the example of every virtue, as the fountain of all grace, as the magnet of souls. Yet, strive as they may, no writers, no poets, no Saints can say anything more outstanding than this truth ... The Blessed Sacrament is God." *This Is The Faith, A Complete Explanation of the Catholic Faith* by Canon Francis Ripley, Third Edition, 2002 Tan Books and Publishers, Inc. (p.254)



THE WORD FROM SCRIPTURE

Mt.26:26-28 1Cor.10:16
Mk.14:22-24 1Cor.11:23-27
Lk. 22:17-20 He.4:16
Jn. 6:53-59 He.12:28

POPE JOHN PAUL II'S WORDS

"Set the Eucharist at the center of your personal life and community life: love the Eucharist, adore the Eucharist and celebrate it ...live the Eucharist by testifying to God's love for every person."
World Youth Day 2000

THOUGHTS OF SAINTS

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque: "My greatest happiness is to be before the Blessed Sacrament, where my heart is, as it were, in its centre."

St. John Vianney: "When Our Lord sees pure souls coming eagerly to visit him in the Blessed Sacrament he smiles on them."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta: "When you look at the crucifix you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

St. Peter Julian Eymard: "Today solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the grace and need of our time. Society will be restored and renewed when all its members group themselves around our Emmanuel."

St. Faustina: "Not only are we to receive and adore the Eucharist, we must live the Eucharist. We are to let the rays of mercy from the monstrance pass through us and go out through all the world. We are to be icons of mercy, radiating love and mercy to others. There is no greater way to energize ourselves to this task than by spending time in the Presence of the Source of Love and Mercy, Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist."

PASTORS' THOUGHTS

"As a pastor, I encourage you in your life of contemplation of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is the sure road to holiness and to heaven. Make adoration a priority in your life."

Father Michael Eivers,
St. Edward's Church, Pembroke Pines, FL

"When we come before the Lord we are afforded a wonderful opportunity to quiet our body, mind and soul in the silent presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Perpetual Adoration is an open invitation to come, to see, to rejoice in a peace-filled atmosphere as the Lord speaks to the innermost recesses of the soul. It is for our benefit to accept this invitation to come aside and spend time with the Lord."

Monsignor Donald W. Eichenseer,
Saint Teresa Parish, Belleville, IL

PASTORS' THOUGHTS (cont.)

"Since the chapel opened, my life has changed. I take more time for reading and reflection. I am a more relaxed pastor, happy but ever more resolute to strive for holiness. Thus, with the grace of God, I am actually able to do more of the Lord's work in less time. It is satisfying to "waste time" with the Lord. I never leave the chapel without thanking Him for the great privilege of having the Chapel right here in our midst. It is truly a gift from the Lord. We can only thank God everyday for the Chapel and thank our Bishop for granting permission to have it."

Father Raymond J. Blazer,
Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn, IN

"As we continue Perpetual Adoration both the spiritual life of our Roman Catholic Faith Community and the spiritual life of our individual parishioners grows. I know our dedication to the Body of Christ in Adoration will bring untold blessings upon us."

Father Michael Deptula,
Our Lady of the Lake Church,
Lake Havasu City, AR

"People feel that their prayers are being answered, that their special hour of peacefulness endured well into the week. Most of all they identify with the realization of how necessary now is that one hour with the Lord."

Monsignor Vincent J. Becker,
Saint Martin of Tours Church, Buffalo, New York

ADORERS' THOUGHTS

- "When I said "YES" to be an adorer at our Perpetual Adoration Chapel it grew to be the most wonderful, positive communication with Jesus that I have ever had. I have always been a practicing Catholic, said my prayers etc., but adoration is a whole new experience of being aware of the Real Presence of Jesus right here with us. I leave the Chapel feeling as if time stood still while I was there, and I have had a chance to get a better grip on my life."
- "Since going to the Chapel, I seem to know more that God loves me and everyone so very, very much.



He is so merciful to all of us, His creatures. This gives me a strong desire to be more Christ-like."

- "One good thing that has happened to me since I started Adoration is my youngest child and his family have returned to the Church. I've been praying for the conversion of all my children for many years."

- "Hours spent with my Lord are refreshing to my soul. The more hectic life becomes, the more I need that time of solitude that adoration provides."
- "The Adoration Chapel represents love, God's love for me. I know I must have an open heart to hear this call. The sixty minutes I am there with Our Lord has made me aware of what my priority is; homeward bound to heaven."

A EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Come then, Good Shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh feed us, still us thine;
So that we may see thy glories shine
in fields of immortality.
Oh thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.
Amen

Saint Thomas Aquinas

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