

OUR LADY OF VICTORY  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

# SUMMER



*Turn then, most gracious Advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

## ADORER NEWS

**Library Books:** A reminder that the books labeled "OLV Library" are for all adorers to use, and must remain in the Chapel. If you have a book you would like to donate, please contact Debbie Daus or Rebecca R. All materials must be faithful to the Magisterium and bear an Imprimatur (if applicable).

**A Note on Commitments:** The Adoration schedule relies primarily on regular weekly commitments made by those who have set aside a certain hour or hours on certain days every week, and the Chapel is blessed by their devotion. We understand, though, that many may not have schedules that allow for a regular weekly visit. If you are among them, consider committing to perhaps an every-other-week Holy Hour, or to some other easily-remembered interval, such as the first of the month, or the last Friday of each month, for example. The goal is to visit; the greater goal is to **commit a regular time** to making a Holy Hour out of your love for Christ. You can even set your OLV account settings to remind you. And using the website signals to other adorers that the hour is covered. If you need help using the website, just contact an OLV Committee member.

**Perpetual Hope:** Since reopening the Chapel, we have been gradually restoring it to its former 24/7 Perpetual schedule. Approximately 1/3 of our entire list of trained adorers are active; 2/3 of them remain inactive. What a source of grace a **perpetual** chapel would be again for us! *"The transformation of the world will come when enough of us...through our hours of Adoration, become so changed, so transfigured that we can say with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Individually and together we are committing to allow Christ to change us so completely that, through us, he can change the world." -V. Flynn*

The Lord's Sacred Heart beats in profound love for you in the monstrance. Will you give Him an hour of your time reciprocating that Love in the Blessed Sacrament?

**OLV Altar Candle Memorials:** We continue to take requests to reserve a month in memory of a loved one or other intention. For more information, call Rebecca at 518-799-5535.

# LOCK ME IN YOUR TABERNACLE



One day I got a phone call from a friend who told me about a tragic situation that he and his wife were going through. I felt so bad for them, so much grief, so much pain that my whole body felt sick. It got so bad that I couldn't think, I couldn't pray, and I felt I just had to lie down. As I lay there I had a mental image of a tabernacle, and I felt drawn to approach it. In my mind I saw myself walk up to the tabernacle. The door opened, I stepped inside, and then the door closed behind me, and I heard the key turn in the lock. A prayer rose within me:

*"Lord, lock me in the tabernacle with You. And let me bring them with me, Lord. Lock us in the tabernacle with You."*

I lay there for about 20 minutes...when I came to myself, everything was different. When I got up, I felt no sadness, no anxiety, no stress, just a quiet peace and trust in God. Since then, this has become one of my favorite ways to pray, both for myself and in intercession for others... For me, this has become a special way of uniting myself with the Eucharistic presence of Christ.

Now, anytime I feel that the world is getting to me too much, anytime I start to feel overwhelmed, burdened, anxious, depressed, exhausted, caught up in myself, I just mentally approach the tabernacle and ask Jesus to lock me in there with Him. There, once again, I experience the peace that surpasses understanding, the peace that only God can give. As St. Faustina writes,

*"O Prisoner of Love, I lock up my poor heart in this tabernacle, that it may adore You without cease night and day... On leaving this earth, O Lord, You wanted to stay with us, and so You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and You opened wide Your mercy in us. There is no misery that could exhaust You; You have called us all to this fountain of love, to this spring of God's compassion. Here is the tabernacle of Your mercy, here is the remedy for all our ills."* DIARY, 80, 1747

-Vinny Flynn, *21 Ways to Worship*

# THE PROPHETIC DREAM

## *of ST. JOHN BOSCO: The Two Pillars*

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On May 30, 1862, Don Bosco recounted a dream he had:

“In the midst of this endless sea, two solid columns, a short distance apart, soar high into the sky. **One is surmounted by a statue of the Immaculate Virgin, at whose feet a large inscription reads: ‘Auxilium Christianorum’ (‘Help of Christians’).** The other, far loftier and sturdier, supports a Host of proportionate size, and bears beneath it the inscription: **‘Salus credentium’ (‘Salvation of believers’).**”

“The flagship commander – the Roman Pontiff- standing at the helm, strains every muscle to steer his ship between the two columns, from whose summits hang many anchors and strong hooks linked to chains. The entire enemy fleet closes in to intercept and sink the flagship at all costs. They bombard it with everything they have: books and pamphlets, incendiary bombs, firearms, cannons. The battle rages ever more furious. Beaked prows ram the flagship again and again, but to no avail, as, unscathed and undaunted, it keeps on its course. At times, a formidable ram splinters a gaping hole in its hull, but immediately, a breeze from the two columns instantly seals the gash.

“Meanwhile, enemy cannons blow up; firearms and beaks fall to pieces; ships crack up and sink to the bottom. In blind fury, the enemy takes to hand-to-hand combat, cursing and blaspheming. Suddenly the Pope falls, seriously wounded. He is instantly helped up, but struck a second time, dies. A shout of victory rises from the enemy, and wild rejoicing seeps their ships. But no sooner is the Pope dead than another takes his place. The captains of the auxiliary ships elected him so quickly that the news of the Pope’s death coincides with that of his successor’s election. The enemy’s self-assurance wanes.

“Breaking through all resistance, the new Pope steers his ship safely between the



two columns; first, to the one surmounted by the Host, and then the other, topped by the statue of the Virgin. At this point, something unexpected happens. The enemy ships panic and disperse, colliding with and scuttling each other.

“Some auxiliary ships, which had gallantly fought alongside their flagship, are the first to tie up at the two columns. Many others, which had fearfully kept far away from the fight, stand still, cautiously waiting until the wrecked enemy ships vanish under the waves. Then they too head for the two columns, tie up at the swinging hooks and ride safe and tranquil beside their flagship. A great calm now covers the sea.” (Memoirs, Vol. VII. Pages 107-108)

Over the years, many people have been fascinated by St. John Bosco's mystical dream and have sought to interpret its meaning. What intrigues us, here and now, are those two powerful pillars. Whatever crisis may rock the Church, whether past, present, or future, the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady are the two holiest avenues of protection. Look around you: both are present to you now, in this Adoration Chapel, dedicated to Our Lady of Victory's intercession. That this Chapel contains these pillars in their fullness is not a dream; it is not just in name only. It is a profound spiritual reality, one that is given to us as a means of reparation and grace precisely for this time in which we are called to live.

As you sit in the stillness of this Adoration Chapel, place yourself, your loved ones, and our Church in the care of Our Eucharistic Lord, and ask Our Lady to be a stronghold of intercession for you. Our holy hours can be offered in reparation for the sins and offenses that so grieve Our Lord and disfigure our Holy Catholic Church. Sacred Scripture tells us that at the time of Sodom and Gomorrha, that if there were 10 holy people, cities would have been spared from destruction. That is how important reparation is. By our trust and prayers, let us ask Almighty God to send His Holy Spirit over these dark forces that assail us.

*May Our Blessed Lady, Help of Christians,  
lead us to victory!*





# *Eucharistic Amazement*

*We feel the pressure of a non-Christian world pressing against the Catholic Church. Areas that were once permeated*

with Catholic thought and devotion are now devoid of the faith. In my travels to Europe, I often observe majestic Catholic cathedrals used as museums to host a myriad of things other than the Mass and pious prayer. In a recent EWTN program, Dr. Scott Hahn speaks of young American Catholics beginning their studies at Franciscan University of Steubenville who are in need of basic catechesis. John Paul II's program for rekindling Eucharistic amazement is essential for rebuilding the Church.

Jesus promised the Apostles that the Holy Spirit would instruct the Church in His teachings. This is part of the promise of Pentecost. Pentecost was not a single event relegated to a particular time and place. Pentecost is a perpetual event for the Church. The Holy Spirit has not ceased to descend in power! It seems we have simply left the Upper Room: the place of the Eucharist, Priesthood and Pentecost. The Spirit descends to find no one praying around Mother Mary!

The question we might ask is, "Are we living a life in abundance with Christ or have we settled for something less?" Ideally, we would never take the Blessed Sacrament for granted. In reality, we can grow cold in our appreciation of the Eucharist. We may think that we

appreciate the Eucharist enough. Perhaps we are very active in ministry, active in the parish, and do charitable works. Perhaps we are well advanced in the way of prayer and have been living the spiritual life for decades. Do we sometimes think that we have enough of God in our lives?

Do you know what St. Augustine said about the word “enough”? “The interior life, like love, is destined to grow. If you say ‘enough,’ you are already dead.” Are there any areas of life, spiritual or otherwise, that are already dead? Eucharistic amazement may be the catalyst that awakens those areas. Christ asked, “Why look for me among the dead” (Luke 24:5)? He called his Father “the God of the living” (Matthew 22:32). Jesus manifests his loving presence in fulfillment of his promise: “Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Spending time in contemplation of the Blessed Sacrament is anything but selfish (as some people argue). Time spent in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament compels us to move out toward the service of others. It is not an empty hand that you offer to someone in need. What do you hold in your hand? It is the Lord’s bounty that you offer others. His hand holds everything a person needs. A Eucharistic life connects the two: Christ and others. We become servants of all, like Christ became a servant of all.

May the disposition of our hearts never be, “Enough Lord!” but always, “More, Lord!” If we desire more of God, how do we get it? Know that Jesus is one to effect this new amazement for you. Let us not limit Him by refusing his invitation to spend more time in his Eucharistic Presence. Let us not set boundaries for the Lord that we refuse to cross over. What if we became fools for Christ? The history of the Church is filled with people who became fools for Christ. We call them “saints.” These fools for Christ are still alive as Church Triumphant. Christ asks us, “Will you surrender? Will you allow me to act in all my glorious power?”

-Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S., *Rekindle Eucharistic Amazement: Healing and Holiness Through the Mass and Holy Hour.*





"What is Christian culture? It is essentially the Mass. This is not my or anyone's opinion or theory or wish but the central fact of two thousand years of history. Christendom, what secularists call Western Civilization, is the Mass and the paraphernalia which protects and facilitate it. All architecture, art, political and social forms, economics, the way people live and feel and think, music, literature - all these things when they are right, are ways of fostering and protecting the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To enact a sacrifice, there must be an altar, an altar has to have a roof over it in case it rains; to reserve the Blessed Sacrament, we build a little House of God and over it a Tower of Ivory with a bell and a garden round about it with roses and lilies of purity, emblems of the Virgin Mary - *Rosa Mystica, Turris Davidica, Turris Eburnea, Domus Aurea\**, who carried His Body and His Blood in her womb, Body of her body, Blood of her blood. And around the church and garden, where we bury the faithful dead, the caretakers live, the priests and religious whose work is prayer, who keep the Mystery of Faith in its tabernacle of music and words in the Office of the Church; and around them, the faithful who gather to worship and divide the other work that must be done in order to make the perpetuation of the Sacrifice possible - to raise food and make the clothes and build and keep the peace so that generations to come may live for Him, so that the Sacrifice goes on even unto the consummation of the world."

\* Tower of David, Tower of Ivory, House of Gold.  
- John Senior, *The Restoration of Christian Culture*. IHS Press.