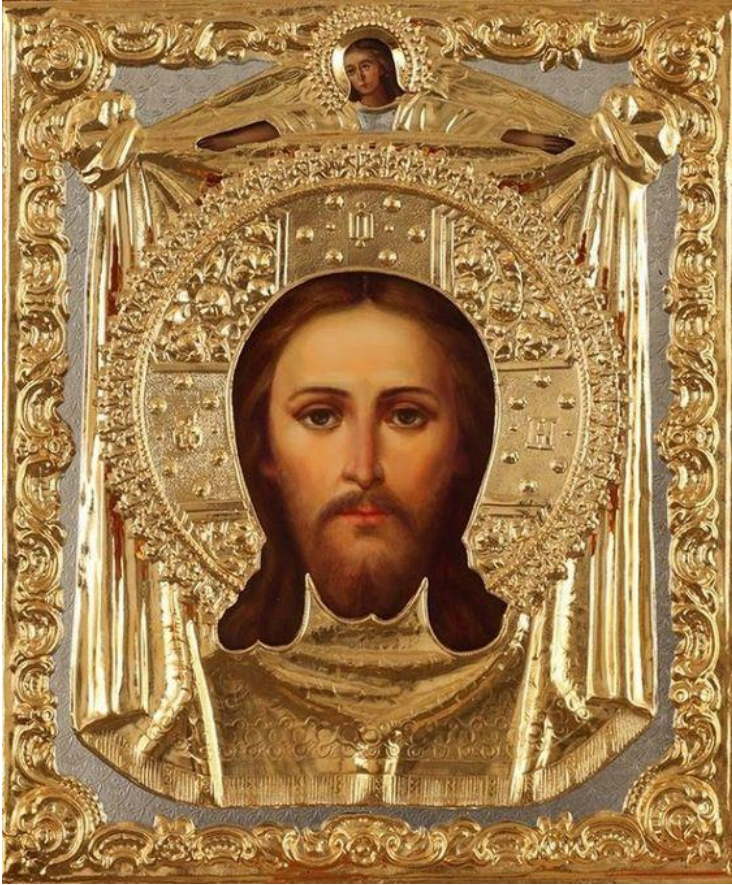


OUR LADY OF VICTORY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

# *Summer*



*"Look to the Lord and His strength;  
Seek His face always."*

PSALM 105:4

## ADORER NEWS

**Summer Security:** The summer months often bring additional visitors to the church who may linger until 7 p.m. when the church building is locked. Please note: After 7 p.m., *only trained adorers* may remain in the chapel and main church. As a Eucharistic guardian, please exercise all security procedures and invite visitors to return during regular daytime hours.

### *A Special Message to OLV Adorers*

When the OLV Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was originally established over 5 years ago, it functioned as a place of perpetual worship, open 24 hours each day and available to all who sought intimate time with the Lord. Since the pandemic, when nearly everything was disrupted, we have had to reduce our hours to accommodate the resulting diminished number of adorers. This is most apparent during the overnight hours, which suffered the greatest loss due to the lack of available adorers.

As it is improper to leave Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament unattended and alone for long stretches – even veiled – we are devoting this issue to reviving the ministry of Adoration, and especially Nocturnal Adoration, in an effort to inspire and invite your participation in this sacred work. If we continue to lack adorers for the overnight hours, we will need to make the difficult decision to eliminate them out of respect for Our Lord. To lose this opportunity deprives us of one of *the most* efficacious means of bringing the light of Christ into our families, our Church, and the world. Did you know there is even a Nocturnal Adoration Society, whose work is to promote this powerful devotion? There is no question that Nocturnal Adoration is a particularly sacrificial work, but God is never outdone in generosity, for this special offering of one's time returns profound graces and blessings.

Our highest hope is that this beloved Adoration Chapel- this furnace of prayer - may be preserved to the fullest extent possible; that we let Our Lord know He is deeply wanted and desperately needed here; that we resolve never to cut hours for the sake of practicality. Truly, the *most practical* thing we can do to turn this very dark world around is for each of us to make Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament a top priority in our life. We ask you to read on and pray for the grace to respond in generous love to His call.

# JESUS CALLS US TO HIMSELF

*Two books in our OLV library have been foundational in developing our devotion to Eucharistic Adoration by opening our minds and hearts to its sacred power. May these excerpts reignite your fervor and love for His Eucharistic Face.*

“When a parish organizes perpetual adoration, the “watchmen” are the adorers on the “walls” who are “never silent” (Isaiah 62:6). In other words, through their unceasing prayer, they are held up between heaven and earth and bring down upon mankind the waterworks of divine mercy. The adorer enters into Christ’s unceasing intercession of his Father at the tabernacle. The adorer is put on the fractures of mankind. His supplication embraces all situations where man has lost his dignity, his wholeness, his resemblance to the Father. Adoration evangelizes by pouring forth the graces of redemption through the Church on all situations where man no longer responds to his vocation as a child of God.”

“Each year, the Church offers periods of grace, like that of Lent, to renew our covenant with God – a covenant sealed in the Eucharist. When worldly cares have taken the upper hand, God can send us into the wilderness in order to recover the love we had at the beginning: *“I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for My name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first”* (Rev 2:3-5). But you are in the state of temptation and sorrow; everything in you revolts; everything prompts you to stop adoring on the pretext that you are offending God, that you are dishonoring him more than you are serving him; do not listen to this specious temptation, this is adoration in battle, *adoration faithful to Jesus against yourself*. No, no, you are not displeasing him; you are giving joy to your Master at whom you are looking.



He expects from us the homage of perseverance until the last minute of time that we are to devote to him.”

“Eucharistic adoration makes us pass from “I” to “thou”. It is inappropriate to begin by asking Jesus graciously to hear our will. Rather let us ask him to enlighten us about his will and to give us the grace to accomplish it. Adoration decenters us from ourselves in order to center us on the person of Christ and on his holy will. Too often we pray like this: “Listen, Lord, for your servant speaks.” Adoration drives us to say: “Speak, Lord, for your servant hears” (1 Sam 3:9). Be faithful in abiding in God’s presence without worrying about being unable to do anything... Do not be at all reluctant to be in God’s presence without doing anything, for since he desires nothing from you but silence and



annihilation, you will always be doing much when you leave and abandon yourself unreservedly to his omnipotence. Be faithful to this, do not be discouraged by your distractions, let them pass, and abide humbly at the feet of Jesus.”

“Restoration of adoration of the Sacrament will heal our church, and thus

our nation, and thus our world. It is one of Satan’s most destructive lies that sitting alone in a dark church adoring Christ is irrelevant, impractical, a withdrawal from vital contemporary needs. Adoration touches everyone and everything because it touches the Creator, who touches everyone and everything in the world from within, in fact, from their very center. When we adore, we plunge into the center of the hurricane, “the still point of the turning world”; we plug into infinite dynamism and power. Adoration is more powerful for construction than nuclear bombs for destruction.”

“The holy Eucharist is God’s infinite generosity towards men. By our generous response to this sacrament of love, God pours his infinite goodness on

mankind. God will greatly bless you, your family, and the whole world for this precious gift of your time, because he never allows himself to be outdone in generosity. Whatever we may give to him, he gives us back tenfold or a hundredfold. Those who generously accept to make the effort of choosing one of the most difficult hours of the night bring down divine blessings upon earth, like rain falling from heaven. This is why John Paul II affirmed, “Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration.”

“Evil must be vanquished by good. The extraordinary evil of our society must be vanquished by the extraordinary good of perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The sacrifice of spending an hour in the middle of the night each week will drive away evil from our land, turning the waterworks of merciful love upon mankind. This is why John Paul II, in calling for “adoration never (to) cease, asks us to “make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world”.

*-All above excerpts from “Could You Not Watch With Me One Hour?”, Fr. Florian Racine. Ignatius Press.*

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“Souls do not stop adoring because they have lost their faith; they lose their faith because they have stopped adoring Me. This is why I would have you hold fast even to the outward forms of adoration. When even these things are cast aside, there is nothing left to invite the soul to the inward adoration in spirit and in truth by which I am glorified.”

“Your sleepiness in no way impedes My action in your soul. If My action depended on your state of attention, I would be limited indeed. My action in your soul is deeper than your outward states of attention or sleepiness, deeper too than your thoughts and imaginings. You have only to come before Me intending to adore Me and to offer yourself to My Heart, and I will do all the rest.”

“Come to Me more often, and remain quietly in My presence. There is no need for you to say or do anything. You have only to expose your soul to the penetrating radiance of My Eucharistic Face, believing and trusting that I will act in you to do in you what no human being can do in himself. Give me permission to act in you and



upon you. Resolve to abandon yourself to My love, and then be at peace, for in this one resolution is the secret of all holiness.”

“A great work of love is being done here, one that proceeds directly from My Eucharistic heart, to glorify My Father and to redeem the world – for the work of redemption is continued in the Sacrament of My Body and Blood until the end of time. I have chosen you to share in this Eucharistic work of Mine by calling you to this very life of adoration and reparation...”

“It is no little thing for a poor human creature of Mine to prefer My Eucharistic love to an hour of sleep in the night. Only in heaven will you know the worth of an hour well so spent. Come to Me, then. Visit me, and remain with Me by night, and I will work for you and with you, and through you by day. By nocturnal adoration you will obtain from My Heart things which cannot be obtained from Me in any other way, especially the liberation of souls from the influence and oppression of the powers of darkness. More souls are saved and liberated by adoration made during the night than by any other form of prayer: this is the prayer that unites you most closely to My own nights passed entirely in prayer during My life on earth.”

“Come to Me, then, by night, and you shall experience My power and My presence at your side during the day. Ask of Me whatever you will by coming to Me at night, and you will experience My merciful help at the break of day... The prayer of adoration at night has the power and efficacy of that prayer made with fasting that I recommended to My apostles as the means of expelling demons from the souls whom they torture and oppress (Mt 17:20; Mk 9:28). For this reason, the demons fear and hate adoration at night, while the angels rejoice over it, and place themselves at the service of the soul who desires to do it.”

“Give Me your time, for time is the currency of friendship and the proof of your love for Me... To the man who has no time for me, I can give nothing, for he is not with Me to receive My gifts, to listen to My words, to know Me as I would have him know Me.”

*-All above excerpted from “In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart”, A Benedictine Monk. Ignatius Press.*



# TWO OLV ADORER TESTIMONIES

*We asked two of our Adorers who regularly come during the overnight hours to share why they choose to adore at those times. Here are their words:*

:: *ON Holy Thursday*, the tabernacle is placed in the Adoration Chapel and parishioners are invited to spend time with Jesus “in the garden”. I’ve always preferred adoration at night, in part to offer reparation to Jesus for being abandoned in garden, in part because I find the night to be more peaceful.

Adoration has become essential to me. Our Lord and Our Lady have drawn me closer through adoration. I’ve lost count of how many times while reading in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament I was struck by something I found profound and helpful at just the right time. I have also been given the answer to an important decision while in adoration on more than one occasion.



:: *WHY 4:00 in the morning?* Solitude. And a little selfishness. I chose 4:00 a.m. because that was my mother's favorite hour and we went together whenever I visited her in Ohio. It was a daunting challenge to get started after so many years, but I soon loved the rhythm of driving through silent, darkened streets as we used to do. It became a joyful anticipation, worth getting out from under warm & cozy covers.

Walking into the quiet church, I always feel a palpable hush. The light on over the sanctuary crucifix casts a heavenly kind of glow that covers our Lord in a warm and austere light that still makes me catch my breath as I gaze up at His outstretched arms and lowered head. It is the light of my salvation. I bow deeply before crossing to the chapel.

Once in the chapel, I am met by a darkened atmosphere of

solemnity and peace that I sense nowhere else in the world. At that moment, it is all mine and I know deeply that Jesus is here for me, with me, has been waiting for me. It doesn't matter how I feel or what I think or what I have to do in that day, I am in His presence...love and mercy, consolation and grace. I need nothing more. I simply breathe in that reality, resting in it, attending to the silence or at times hearing His voice within.

Sometimes my mind wanders or won't settle, so I can wander to the bookcase, read a litany card or check the day in "Divine Intimacy". Sometimes I stand to pray, lift my arms and sing out my praise and thanks, sometimes I kneel, weep in sorrow, or in joy. Nothing I would likely even think to express if another soul was near. I hesitate to even admit it but I am asked to say why I like the hours most people avoid.

I find my encounter with my Lord then is like no other. Now, three years in, I can't imagine life without that kind of time with Him. Thanks, Mom.



Come to Him, that living stone,  
rejected by men  
but in God's sight  
chosen and precious;  
and like living stones be yourselves  
built into a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.

-1 PETER 2:4-5