

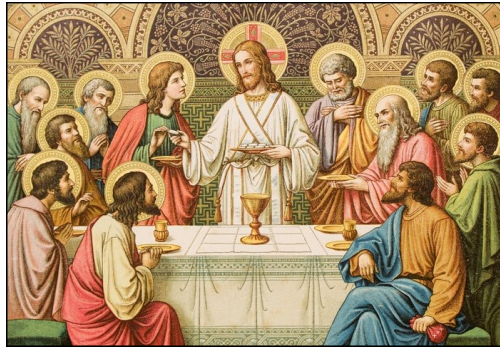
“My Lord and my God!”

- INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST ON HOLY THURSDAY

By Father Libby

Holy Thursday night is the night of the Institution of the Eucharist. It is the foundation of an offering of the First Mass. It is a sacrifice.

Adoration is simply a continuation of that first mass spread out through space and time so that we can all be there and



enjoy one long moment of saying, "My Lord and my God!". It is where we can come and have enough time to unload all our burdens, all our passions and appetites, accept the loving presence of Jesus Christ substantially in our midst, and have a conversation with him like Peter James and John on top of Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration with Him in His glory.

Like them, we don't often know what to say, but we also know we don't want to leave.

It's funny how often the first half of an hour of adoration is spent frustrated with all the things we need to do and not really wanting to be in adoration because we want to be doing those great things. And then often the second half of the hour is never wanting to leave! That's just the way we are in our fallen nature. We're constantly driven and tending towards good things, but good things by our criteria of what good things are. And so, we need a constant reminder of the Great Thing--infinitely great, of heaven. We need those "Oh yeah" moments to remember what we are about.

In this culture of noise, where we are even bringing interruptions into the very heart of the home and our bedrooms through phones and computers, we need adoration all the more to make a concerted effort to empty ourselves so we can hear the voice of the Lord. It's funny/beautiful how the Lord uses the idea of sacrifice to really draw us into His love. Why sacrifice? Why the

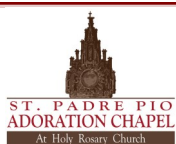
Mass? Why did he offer Himself in the worst possible way when one drop of his blood would be sufficient to save every soul that ever existed?

Clearly, it was because sacrifice and love are synonymous terms. They mean the same thing when we are talking about other people, God, and the principles of life. When we love chocolate cake, we don't make a sacrifice for it (or if we do, it's usually not a sacrifice we should be making, like of our health or our weight, or breaking a Lenten resolution!). But when we love God, or other persons, or ideals and principles that need to be upheld, we simultaneously love and sacrifice for them.

Sacrifice & love are synonymous terms

Sometimes, we aren't in love with a thing we need to sacrifice for, but we understand the importance of the sacrifice. And this might be where we are at when we go to the Adoration Chapel. But if we persevere in that, believe it or not, it will flip-flop. We will start going because we love it and Him, and we will make sacrifices so that we can get there! And that's when life becomes fun.

So let us remember in this month of March what is going to happen at the end of the month. It is the institution of Love and intimate friendship. And the more we meditate on that, the sacrificial element in our lives just becomes natural, and we are happy to do it for the Lord, for our neighbor, and to uphold principles that flow from these.



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Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.

Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us

Jill Anderson - Home

Ted Bodus - Woodside Assisted Living

Betty Flaska - Maple Valley * Georgetta Galla - Joy Givers

Gerri Galla - Local Nursing Home

Marga Galla - Culver Meadows * John King - Home

Loraine Kulanda - Home * Ann Mazurek - Home

Joanne Popa - Home

Kelly Priest - Woodside Asst Living

Elizabeth Randall - Home

Please call the office to correct & update this list.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers Recent Prayer Intentions

Mark - prostate cancer * Cory Young - liver disease * Patricia

Virginia Young - heart issues * Greta - Blood clot issues

Anne Marie - heart issues * John Sandula - cancer issues

Jena - MS & Lymes disease * Ursula - heart issues

Don Shoperiey - critical condition * Dan S. - beginning chemo

Casey - recovery * New mom - postpartum depression

Nadia Ihme * Karen Drake * Brian & Dawn * Janet Priest

Cheryl Sogge - Health issues * Monica Duffy * Jeff LaCross

Kelly Priest * Scott Weber - Shoulder surgery * Tom Donnelly

Brian Sogge & Dawn - House fire burn injuries

Judith Donakowski & family - Loss of Conrad & health issues

Barb Spinniken - ALS * Nevada Greenlaw & family - loss of father

Leonard Couturier - Multiple health issues

Larry and Joyce Reed * Dr. Russ VanHouzen

Samantha Schichtel & son - Accident injuries

For the recently deceased & their families

Conrad Donakowsk * Capt. Miguel Nava USMC

Chris Neddo * Todd Flees * Mary Newman

Paul Scott * Mary Ockert * Bob Greenlaw

Cancer Patients:

Peter Freundl * Martin Gallagher * Joe Kastl * Cynthia Lieby

Jan Novak - severe cancer * Don Pahl * Therese Rosinski

Erin Richards Rashy * Francis Rosinski * Craig Stallman

Ruth Trotsky (Cancer & Parkinsons) Leanne Bauer Weber

Kelly Winowiecki Florip * Tina VanderWulp * Christi

Danielle - breast cancer * Dan S. * Gabby - melanoma

Jack - skin cancer * Kathleen * Lori

Marissa * Randy * Steve

* Ongoing Prayer Intentions *

* Chris Berkey - Neurological issues *

* Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery *

* Baby Henry Gauthier - 15 mos - cervical neck healing *

* Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE *

* Jim Plamondon - long-term rehab *

* Conor Rigan - age 4 - Cont. recovery (brain tumor removal) *

* Ron Rushton - stroke recovery *

* Kayla Tondreau - SJIA & many health struggles *

* Randy W. (Buckley) - Parkinson's *

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Please pray for those receiving the Sacraments



OCIA

Victoria Roman

Logan McKillip

Nancy Priest

Sacraments

Confirmation

Marie Swager

Emma Harris

1st Holy Communion/ Confirmation

Sophia & Estelle Scott

Roan Joubran

Adelia Thorne

Leah Talbott

Anselm Kranz

Madison Rethoret

Maria Trudeau

Jonah Robinson

Prayer for the Vocations in Our Diocese

Seminarians:

Jake Belanger

John Mawby

David Witkowski

Candidates

for Diaconate:

Jason Maday

Neil Witkowski

Religious Life:

Gianna Belanger



FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

- Ken Artz —US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger —US Navy
- Charles Berninger —US Coast Guard
- Nicholas Bryan —US Army
- John Bunek —US Navy
- Curtis Bunek —US Navy
- Keith Castle —US Marines
- Matthew Culver —US Navy
- Timothy Fisher —US Army
- Peter Freundl —US Coast Guard
- Joshua Harris —US Coast Guard
- Avery Kohler —MI National Guard
- Christopher Kohler —MI National Guard
- Jacob Kunde —US Air Force
- Austin McQueer —US Marines
- Collin Platts —US Army Nurse Corp
- Andrew Tondreau —MI National Guard
- Ryan Tondreau —US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf —US Marines
- Dr. Daniel Weber —US Army
- Tim Wigton —MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits —US Army

