



ST JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADORATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Isaac the Syrian once said that the “highest form of prayer is to stand silently in awe before God.” How right this wonderful saint was!

St. Joan of Arc has been truly blessed over the years to deepen our parish’s desire for Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We have expanded from our humble origins to having the opportunity to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for 92 hours a week.

We want to thank our adoration team for all their hard work and dedication these past 20 years; especially Colleen Lewis, Deb Fondoulis, Tom Kaczkowski, Jennifer Mulligan, Andrea Wood and Anne Mallimpalli.

When the COVID pandemic struck our nation, diocese and parish, many things had to be put on hold. When we opened back up, it was our determination to bring back adoration in any form that we could. Working with the captains and leadership, we were able to determine the best course of action would be to bring adoration back on a limited basis, namely, 9-5pm Monday through Thursday, allowing for 33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration each week.

Praise God, the time has come for us to bring adoration back fully to our pre-COVID hours beginning on the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross on September 14th.

It is important as a parish that we continue to pray fiercely for our nation and world; which is precisely why Eucharistic Adoration must continue to be at the forefront of our parish life.

We have all experienced the benefits of spending time in quiet prayer in front of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and know the graces Our Lord desires to give to each of us. It is through this constant prayer and devotion that we as a nation and world will be brought the healing and mercy of our loving savior, Jesus Christ. Saint Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, “In an ever-changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God’s changeless love.” This is a love that is pure and holy and God desires for each of us to experience His love.

In the darkness of these times, we must always remember that Jesus Christ is the true light of the world. Our Lord knows the hearts of His faithful and brings forth healing comfort to all who call upon him. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Our Lord says: “Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” (*cf. Matthew 28:11*). The call of our savior cannot be ignored.

Since Adoration has a rich history in the church as well as at St. Joan of Arc, we know there will be no problem returning to our normal hours. The eventual goal would be to have adoration perpetually available at St. Joan of Arc. This will come in time, and with all of your efforts to promote adoration in our community.

As with any change, others follow. We would like to thank Colleen Lewis and Deb Fondoulis for their many years of dedicated service to the adoration team. Colleen and Deb have decided at this time that will be stepping back from their roles in the adoration team. Both will continue their faithful hours of adoration and will continue to be very active in promoting adoration in our parish.

We encourage you, as you come to adoration, to continue to follow our social distancing guidelines as well as others that have been put in place to maintain the health and safety of our parishioners.

As we begin to return to our pre-COVID adoration hours, we would also like to encourage people who have never been or who have come infrequently to consider signing up for an hour. Signing up for an hour of adoration has become even easier than it has in the past. With the adoption of the We Adore Him program, maintaining an up-to-date schedule has aided in ensuring we never leave Jesus exposed alone in the chapel. Please visit our adoration website: www.stjoanofarcpowell.org/eucharistic-adoration/ for more information on how to sign up.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” May we renew our efforts daily to become activated disciples of Jesus Christ called to go forth and preach the Good News!

May God continue to bless each of you daily,



Fr. James Black, Pastor



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