



St. Therese Catholic Church

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Dear St. Therese Friends,

Some of you might not be aware that one of my "hats of ministry" is to be the chaplain for the Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who reside at the Cathedral. For many years, I have received the pleasure of getting to know these women of God who left their home, language, culture in Veracruz, Mexico to journey to a foreign land for the sake of the Gospel. How I admire their courage!

Especially I am in awe of their relationship with Jesus. The charism (the work) of their community is most simply prayer before the Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Every sister spends at least an hour of personal prayer in the chapel. And what do they do in that hour? prayer especially for bishops and priests; prayers they receive from countless people; prayers for the conversion of sinners; prayers that we will have enough priests to feed us with the Eucharist. And so much more.

As we enter into our parish Year of the Eucharist, I invite our parishioners to expand the many ways they pray to include time before the Most Holy Eucharist. The opportunities are increasing in our parish schedule:

- Wednesdays: October 5th, 19th & 26th, 5:30-6:30pm. These Holy Hours include communal prayer and silent time with the Lord. Even if you can only come for 15 minutes or whatever, that is perfectly fine.
- Sunday, October 9th, 1:00-7:00pm. At 6:30pm will be Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours, concluding with Benediction. The sign-up sheet in half hour increments will be at the Information Center. We will need at least one person for each ½ hour because we do not want to leave Jesus alone. This Sunday Adoration will be scheduled one time per month.

Why should parishioners consider adding this appointment to their already busy schedules? Consider just a few thoughts:

- We all have loved ones with illnesses, broken relationships and a host of other crosses. Why not pray for them most effectively.
- St. Therese is a wonderful busy parish with many projects and ministries. Those projects and ministries will succeed only to the extent that we take them to the Lord, asking Him to prosper them. Only He is the Master Builder.
- We can and should pray anywhere and everywhere. However, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian lives. There are blessings, graces and tremendous energy that flow when we come before Jesus in the Presence of His Love. Anyone not need that?

I would love, if it be the will of God and if the people of St. Therese are so moved in generosity, to establish the Sunday Adoration as a regular, weekly addition - especially now that we do not have the 6:00pm Mass. Thank you to all the prayer warriors who shake heaven with your intercession.

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Don't forget other important happenings during the month of October:

- **October 5th - 8th** - Last chance for Pictorial Directory Photos – You can sign up on-line or contact Ted & Pat Feller at 338-3052.
- **October 6th - Andy Young's Ordination to the Diaconate.** Please remember him in prayer. It would be wonderful if everyone would send Andy a card (international postage fees apply) at:

Andy Young
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- **October 12th** - Wednesday Night Meal – Serving from 5:30pm – 6:30pm