



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Eucharistic Adoration is one topic that I can only begin to scratch the surface of. This is because I believe that each of us has our own personal and different way of communicating with God while in His presence.

- Generally, while in Eucharistic Adoration you can
- Give Him honor, glory and praise in a reverent way.
- Ask Him how you can make the world a better place.
- Thank Him for making it possible for you to be there with Him and for all the other blessings you have.
- Remember that God is always around us, in the little and simple things.

About two weeks ago I received a text from a good friend and brother knight that included a video titled, "God Whispers". It was a slide presentation with some sappy music in the background, but the message it contained was pretty strong. Following are a few excerpts from that message. Some of you may recognize it.

- * The man whispered, "God speak to me" and a Meadowlark sang, but the man did not hear.
- * So, the man yelled, "God speak to me" and thunder rolled across the sky, but the man did not listen.
- * The man looked around and said, "God let me see you", and the sun shined brightly, but the man did not see.
- * And the man shouted, "God show me a miracle", and a life was born, but the man did not notice.

So the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here" Whereupon God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God and His gifts are always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted. So I wanted to add one more.

We, as Catholics have been blessed with the gift of faith to believe that ordinary bread and wine is transformed into the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That He is present, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world. And that includes our very own Santa Maria Del Mar and The Adoration Chapel, which is so appropriately named.

Have you ever envisioned what it would be like if you were in the presence of Christ Incarnate? If He were to appear in this room, right now. What would you do?

- Would you demonstrate a sign of reverence?
- Would you genuflect?
- Would you bow profoundly?
- Would you drop to your knees?

What might He say to US? Or Would He simply ask, "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mk 14:34)

Why not go and be with Him in The Adoration Chapel? Once you enter the Chapel you are in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This is a place where reverent silence is observed. This is a place where all who enter are able to have a one-on-one, very personal experience with Jesus.

- What would you say to Him?
- Would you tell Him about your day?
- Would you share your joys with Him?
- Would you show your gratitude through prayers of thanksgiving?
- Or perhaps tell Him about your struggles and burdens.

You may ask "What is the purpose of reverent silence?" This is when Jesus speaks to us! Remember, you are one—on—one with Jesus, and so is everyone else present. Each of us are having a very private, personal exchange with Jesus and in the silence, you are better able to open yourself to receive the knowledge of His will.

What is it that we should do in Adoration? As I said earlier, adoration can and will be something different for each one of us. So that's a question that you need to answer for yourselves.

To assist in this effort, For the past 3 weeks there has been an informative 2 page spread printed in our weekly Santa Maria del Mar bulletin dedicated to Adoration of the Eucharist.

It was written by Ginette Consentino who leads our Adoration Ministry. If you haven't read it yet, I encourage you to do so visit the Santa Maria del Mar website and read the August 15th issue with the article (<https://smdmcc.org/bulletins>). It contains information that can help you answer your questions.

Please consider supporting our Council's commitment for one Friday a month -- for one hour to attend Eucharistic Adoration. Brother Bob Conochalla has the sign-up sheet and the timeslots start at 9:30am --- ending at 2:00pm.

Recently we had the installation of our Council Officers. At one point during the ceremony, there were promises made by the officers to live the Christian life, to treat others with dignity and respect and to continuously form themselves in the Catholic faith. Right after making these promises, our Worthy District Deputy, Kevin Ryan who officiated the ceremony, charged us, the officers, with the following:

"It is important that you and your members, remember that upon the conduct of each, depends the fate of all. Know that locally, your Council, and globally, our Order, is an enormous force for good, and that the world needs us more than ever." I believe this is something we all need to hear.

Mary Queen of the Knights, pray for us - Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, pray for us.