

Useful Study Resources

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Our Lady of the Angels Province of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor Conventual

Adoration



The Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, or Eucharistic Adoration, is an opportunity for the faithful to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament on the altar (see picture). ***At St. Casimir, Eucharistic Adoration is held between 3:45-4:45 pm on the last Saturday of every month, before Mass, and at the same time that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available.*** Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration with the true body of our Divine Lord and Friend is a good place to go to ask what he wants with your life. The Catechism quotes St. Pope John Paul II: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380). Put another way, when you stand before the Lord on judgement day, do you really want to have to explain why that Saturday afternoon game was more important than spending an hour with him?



What do you do at Adoration? Be there! Listen with your heart. Pray. Write in a prayer journal. Read scripture or devotional material. Use your smart phone camera to scan this QR code for further information and suggestions from Catholic World Mission.



Use your smart phone camera to scan this QR code and listen to Bishop Robert Barron discuss the importance of Eucharistic Adoration.

Catholic Etiquette

Speaking of Adoration, here are some reminders of how we should behave in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, or whenever we are in the Sanctuary or Chapel.

- When entering or departing the Sanctuary, and again when entering the pew or coming before the Blessed Sacrament, everyone should genuflect on one knee (or bow your head if unable to genuflect) in reverence to the Lord.

- Maintain a respectful silence. Do not talk to your pew mate or greet others while Adoration is in progress.

- Turn off cell phones.

- Do not enter the church nave, approach the altar or touch the monstrance in which the Blessed Sacrament is present until Adoration is finished, even if you are a Eucharistic Minister or Lector preparing for the Mass.

- Parents are encouraged to bring children of a suitable age to Adoration. If you do so, please explain Adoration to them and be prepared keep them occupied with books or some quiet activity so as not to disturb others.

- Finally, whenever you enter the Sanctuary, whether for Adoration, Mass or just to observe, please remember to:

- take off your hats or hoods

- dress respectfully

- don't chew gum

- do not carry, eat or drink any food or beverages. Feed babies or consume food for medical reasons in the narthex (entry)

- do not leave items or trash in the Sanctuary.



Use your smart phone camera to scan this QR code for a thoughtful video on dressing respectfully for Mass.

Saints of the Week

Below are QR codes that you can scan with your phone to read about the lives of some of the Saints and Beatified we as Catholics honor this week.



February 27 – Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows is a patron saint of clergy, students, and young people



February 28 – Blessed Daniel Brottier. A volunteer chaplain in WW1, he risked his life ministering to the wounded.



March 1 – St. David of Wales. Patron saint of Wales and perhaps the most famous of British saints.



March 2 – St. Agnes of Bohemia. Declined marriage to the Holy Roman Emperor, built a hospital for the poor and became a Poor Clare.



March 3 – St. Katharine Drexel. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, she founded schools for minorities in 16 states.



March 4 – St. Casimir – Patron Saint of our Pastorate. Born of kings, and to be a king himself, he chose peace over war.



March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross. A Franciscan at 16, his reputation for holiness put him in charge of a new friary even before he was ordained.