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#### Pastor: Fr. Carlos Jimenez

# **Sunday:** 11:00 am (10:15 Divine Chaplet – Rosary) 5:00 pm (4:30 pm Rosary)

Monday:	No Mass		
Tuesday:	8:00 am Mass (7:15 am Divine Mercy – Rosary)		
Wednesday:	1:00 pm Adoration 6:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion 6:50 pm Benediction <u>7:00 pm Mass</u>		
Thursday:	8:00 am Mass (7:15 am Divine Mercy – Rosary)		
Friday:	8:00 am Mass (7:15 am Divine Mercy – Rosary)		
1 <sup>st</sup> Fridays	<b><u>7:00 pm Mass</u></b> (6:30 pm Rosary, All Night Vigil to Saturday - Confessions before and after Mass)		
Saturday:	8:00 am Mass (7:15 am Divine Mercy – Rosary)		
Tuesday, Thur Wednesday:	Confessions: Sunday: Only before 5 pm Mass Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday: Before 8:00 am Mass. Wednesday: Until 6:50 pm Also by appointment with Father Carlos		
<b>Baptism:</b> Arrange with the pastor. Please notify six weeks before for proper preparation			





May 5, 2024

Parish Office Hours: To be Determined Fr. Carlos Jimenez' office located at: Holy Cross Parish 315 Douglas Avenue East Call (306) 757-1325

## **Friendship With God**

"I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." John 15:15–17

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies." Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one's own self interests. It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In <u>1 Corinthians 13:4–8</u>, St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God's interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely. His very Self. <a href="https://mycatholic.life">https://mycatholic.life</a>

## What is Eucharistic Adoration?

The Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, or Eucharistic Adoration, is an opportunity for the faithful to pray to Jesus Christ before the Eucharist at their local parish. The term "the faithful" refers to Catholics who wish to express and deepen their love of Christ. But what makes praying during Eucharistic Adoration any different than the prayers you say throughout your daily life?

True, you can pray to God anywhere. God is omnipresent, which means He is everywhere at all times. As the Word of God <u>says in Proverbs 15:3</u>, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." God is always near, and thus, you can always enter into His presence in prayer.

God is also omniscient, which means He knows everything, including your thoughts. King David <u>savs</u> <u>in Psalm 139:1-4</u>, "Lord, You have probed me, you know me: You know when I sit and stand; You understand my thoughts from afar. You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways You are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You know it all."

God's omnipresence and omniscience are both wonderful truths that Catholics can take comfort in every day, whether at home, work or worshipping at your local parish. But Eucharistic Adoration differs from your daily prayers in one key aspect. Catholics believe the body, blood, soul and divinity are substantially present in the Eucharist. In other words, when you participate in Eucharistic Adoration, you pray and worship Jesus in a more intimate, present and real way.

The Eucharist represents the body of Jesus, the son of God who died so that humankind could have eternal hope. Catholics believe that, in communion, we receive the actual body of Jesus. In that moment, you share in Christ's suffering on the cross. It's a sobering, beautiful concept to meditate on, one that can leave you with feelings of overwhelming love and adoration for Jesus and His work on the cross.

The symbol of the cross is front and center during Eucharistic Adoration. When you enter a time of adoring the Eucharist, you can have faith that you're entering into the true, substantial presence of Jesus. As you contemplate drawing near the blood, body, divinity and soul of Jesus *Christ, you can experience a rejuvenation of spiritual nourishment and strength in a more unique, powerful way than you might experience in your daily prayers.* 



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Mass Intentions						
Sun	May 5	11:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory	Parishioner		
Tues	May 7	8:00 AM	Intention of Beatrice Leclaire	B. Leclaire		
Wed	May 8	7:00 PM	Reserved for Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Devotees		
Thurs	May 9	8:00 AM	Denes Doris Jessica Joshua Peter Philip Elizabeth Megan Sara Lisa			
Fri	May 10	8:00 AM	Intention of Hope Tiffany Brianna Tajay	B. Leclaire		
Sat	May 11	8:00 AM	Intention of Robert Moquin	O'Neill Family		
Sun	May 12	11:00 AM	Int of Aliyah Steranka (birthday)	Steranka Family		