

Perpetual Adoration and the Message of the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy

I want to thank your beloved pastor for giving you this great privilege and blessing of loving and adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament day and night.

Blessed Mother Teresa said: “We have been created for greater things, not just to be a number in the world, not just to go for diplomas and degrees, this work and that work. We have been created in order to love and to be loved.”

Jesus loves us so much that he promised: “I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.”

We have been created for Divine Love. The Holy Eucharist is the invention of Divine Love where Jesus gives us Himself in Holy Communion to sustain us on our journey home to heaven and to be our constant companion throughout our life.

When you love someone you want to be with the one you love. This is true of our Lord’s love for us as St. John Paul II said: “Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love! Jesus waits for you.

In sacred scripture, the two relationships used most often to describe God’s love are the love of a parent for their child and the love of husband and wife for each other.

Jesus says in the gospel: “Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall be one flesh.”

St. Paul adds to this quote of the Lord, “this is a great mystery, but I am referring to Christ and the Church.”

It is a profound mystery how the Lord becomes one flesh with His Bride the Church through giving us Himself in the Holy Eucharist. We receive Him and He takes us into his Heart and transforms us into Himself. Then Jesus asks us what He asked his disciples: “Could you not watch one hour with me?” This is the appeal of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

At the end of the 17th century Jesus appeared from the Blessed Sacrament to St. Margaret Mary in Paray le Monial, France. He showed her His Heart burning with love and lamented man's indifference and ingratitude to this infinite, tender merciful love. He explained to her that the crown of thorns around His heart symbolized the pain He endures now in the Blessed Sacrament which is a much greater suffering than He endured in his entire passion.

How can this be?

Jesus cannot suffer physically anymore. He has a resurrected, glorified body, but he has a Human Heart. His Sacred Heart still experiences in the Holy Eucharist betrayal, denial, abandonment, indifference, ingratitude in so many empty churches.

This is why perpetual adoration fulfills the desire of His Sacred Heart as we come together as a parish and surround Him with love day and night.

He then said something astounding to her: "I thirst with an ardent thirst to be loved in this Blessed Sacrament."

Jesus thirsts for your love!

We need people for all the hours morning, noon, evening and night, but the hours we need the most are in the middle of the night because these require a sacrifice and so they are the most difficult to get volunteers. If you can would you please consider one of these hours, because God cannot be outdone in generosity. Whenever we are generous with Him, he is infinitely more generous with us.

But the best reason of all is that sacrifice is the language of love.

These hours are like the lavish love the woman with the alabaster jar showed to Jesus when she anointed his feet. This hour that you spend with Jesus is spent any way you want, reading the Bible, praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or just speaking to Jesus heart to heart and listening as He speaks to you in the silence of your heart.

This is what Mary Magdalene did...just sat at the Lord's feet and listened to Him. Martha complained about her sister, but the Lord replied "Martha, Martha

you are anxious and upset about many things. One thing alone is necessary Mary, your sister, has chosen the best part and it will not be taken from her.”

We can go through the motions and receive Jesus Sunday after Sunday and miss the intimacy that He wants to have with us. Jesus spoke to this to St. Faustina when he gave the message of Divine Mercy: “They treat me like a dead object. They have time for everything, but they do not have time for me.”

Committing to a weekly holy hour enables us to grow in our personal relationship with Our Lord where He is in person in the Holy Eucharist.

Time is one of our most precious gifts. We give time to those who are important to us. Parents love to be with their children. Spouses make time to be with each other. Blessed Mother Teresa said: “The best time you will spend on earth is the time you spend with your best friend, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament.”

Jesus told St. Faustina: “The world will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy.” He taught that the Eucharist is the fount of His Divine Mercy. Perpetual adoration opens up the flood gates of God’s mercy as we make reparation for all that offends Our Lord and wins the grace for the conversion of sinners.

By your participation in perpetual adoration, you contribute to what scripture promises of a new heaven and a new earth; where Christ will reign through the omnipotent love of His Sacred Heart in the Blessed Sacrament.

Jesus says: “See, I make all things new.”