

Eucharistic
Adoration



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

AN INTRODUCTION TO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, it is our privilege to participate in offering the Eucharistic sacrifice, and in receiving Holy Communion. But there are additional acts of devotion that help extend Christ's real presence among us. Such devotions are Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Christ's promise is to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). The practice of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament arose early in the history of the Church. This was for the convenience of the sick --- that Holy Communion might be taken to them. People then began to spontaneously gather in the Churches to pray and worship in the very presence of Christ. Later, because Christ's presence meant so much to them, they asked that the host be "exhibited" to them on a throne in a monstrance (an ornamental receptacle). Still later, prayers and songs were added, and the priest would bless the people with the sacred host enthroned in the monstrance.

Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are amazingly simple and beautifully proportioned acts of worship. We begin by contemplating God's presence in our midst. Most of the time we are busy talking or doing things or going places so that Christ hardly gets a chance to say anything to us. Contemplation means that we let God "soak into us."

Opening Song:

O Saving Victim/O Salutaris

WERNER



1. O sav - ing Vic - tim, o - p'ning wide The gate of
2. All praise and thanks to thee as - cend For - ev - er -
1. *O sa - lu - tá - ris hó - sti - a, Quae cae - li*
2. *U - ni tri - nó - que Dó - mi - no Sit sem - pi -*



1. heav'n to us be - low, Our foes press on from
2. more, blest One in Three; O grant us life that
1. *pan - dis ós - ti - um: Bel - la pre - munt ho -*
2. *tér - na gló - ri - a, Qui vi - tam si - ne*



1. ev - ery side; Thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.
2. shall not end In our true na - tive land with thee.
1. *stí - li - a, Da ro - bur, fer au - xí - li - um.*
2. *tér - mi - no No - bis do - net in pá - tri - a.*

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Litany of the Saints

LEADER:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
St. Michael, leader of the heavenly host,
St. Gabriel, messenger of God's divine plan,
St. Raphael, companion of the journey,
All you holy Angels and Archangels,
St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Church,
St. Junipero Serra, missionary to the Americas,
St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests,
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron of youth,
St. Alphonsus Liguori, patron of vocations,
St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians,
St. John Berchmans, patron of altar servers,
St. Maria Goretti, patron of teenagers,
All you holy men and women,

Be merciful, spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Through your mercy, send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through your kindness, send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the fervent prayers and sacrifices of Your people, send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the intercession of all the Saints and Angels, send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Saint Joseph the Worker,

ALL:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, graciously hear us.

have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.

pray for us.
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Through the sanctification of the family,
send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through parents being generously open to life,
send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through the example of priests and religious striving for holiness,
send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.
Through a renewed sense of fidelity to our Catholic Faith,
send workers into Your Harvest, O Lord.

That young people might seek to live the truth of Christ,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That young people might seek God's will for them in their lives,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That young people might hear the call to give their lives for the mission of the Church,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That all priests and religious might be renewed in the spirit of the new evangelization,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That bishops might be strengthened to be courageous shepherds,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That we may always zealously pray for and promote vocations,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.
That those who are being called to be priests and religious might respond generously,
O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

The harvest is great but the laborers are few,
We beg the harvest Master to send out laborers for His harvest.

Let us Pray:

(ALL) O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations and Who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up Your Holy Church, we implore You to choose among us, Your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole heart and will gladly spend their entire lives making You known and loved by all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Missionary Disciples

God of everlasting goodness, you sent your Beloved Son among us to bring healing, peace, mercy, justice and reconciliation into our weary world.

As we continue Christ's mission and ministry, renew us in mind, body and spirit.

May the face of your mercy reflected in Christ's presence flow through us as we serve those entrusted to our witness and our care. We ask this in his name, Jesus the Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Word of the Lord:

Matthew 4:18-22

Homily:

Bishop Gruss

Intercessory Prayer for Vocations

For a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness, we pray ...

For an increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate and religious life in the Diocese of Saginaw, that more men and women will respond with generosity to the call to serve God in religious vocations, we pray ...

For our young men and women whom God is calling to serve as Priests and Religious, that they may have the grace of God to hear the call and the support of their family and friends to answer, we pray ...

That those who feel a call to and desire for priesthood or religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them, we pray ...

That our parish communities will nurture religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world, we pray ...

For those who struggle in their vowed commitment, that the mystery of God's deep love will strengthen them, we pray ...

In thanksgiving for those priests, sisters, and brothers who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment, we pray ...

For all women and men throughout the world: that they may find in Christ their source of contentment, peace, and security, we pray ...

We pray for young people: that they may persevere in hope, trusting in God's faithfulness to them as they search for deeper meaning in life, we pray ...

We pray for the whole church, especially for preachers and catechists, that the words they speak may be words of life for those who experience struggle, weariness and emptiness today, we pray ...

For our seminarians in the Diocese of Saginaw, may they persevere in their formation and be open to the Lord's will in their lives, and, by God's grace, serve the Lord as priests, we pray...

For husbands and wives, may the love flowing from the Sacrament of Matrimony continue to grow in their lives and may their example be a model of God's love for their children, we pray...

For each of us, for our families and our friends, that we respond fully to the call of our baptism, and accept the grace to remain open to God's call to serve, we pray ...

For those responsible for guiding the spiritual growth of seminarians, candidates and novices, that they will rely on the wisdom of the Spirit in their ministry, we pray ...

For the Knights of Columbus and Serra Club members within our Diocese of Saginaw, that they may be blessed for the assistance they give our bishop, seminarians, and vocation promotion efforts of our diocese, we pray ...

For Christian families, the source of religious vocations, that they may be prompted to encourage young people to rejoice in doing God's will, we pray ...

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

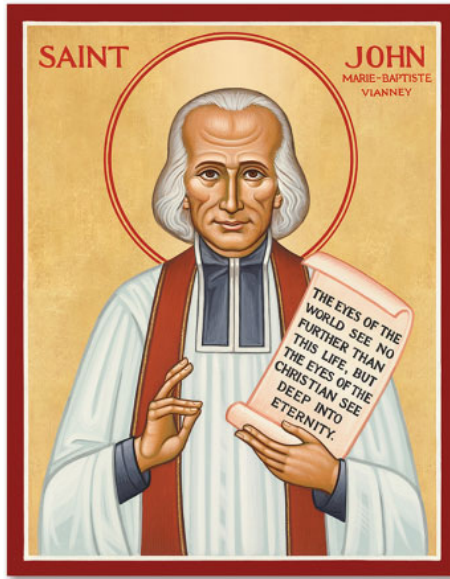
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis

*Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day
of Prayer for Vocations*





SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Saint John Vianney, patron of parish priests, we ask for your intercession that young people called to the priesthood and consecrated life may hear God's call.

We pray the Lord send workers into His great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and His people may be strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Incensation of the Blessed Sacrament

Hymn of Adoration:

Tantum Ergo/Come Adore



1. Come a - dore this won-drous pres - ence, Bow to Christ the
2. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Praise to his co -
1. *Tan - tum er - go Sa - cra - mén - tum Ve - ne - ré - mur*
2. *Ge - ni - tó - ri, Ge - ni - tó - que Laus et ju - bi -*



source of grace. Here is kept the an - cient prom - ise
e - qual Son, Ad - o - ra - tion to the Spir - it,
cér - nu - i: Et an - tí - quum do - cu - mén - tum
lá - ti - o, Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que



Of God's earth - ly dwell - ing - place. Sight is blind be -
Bond of love, in God - head one. Blest be God by
No - vo ce - dat rí - tu - i: Prae - stet fí - des
Sit et be - ne - dí - cti - o: Pro - ce - dén - ti



fore God's glo - ry, Faith a - lone may see his face.
all cre - a - tion Joy - ous - ly while a - ges run.
sup - ple - mén - tum Sén - su - um de - fé - ctu - i.
ab u - tró - que Com - par sit lau - dá - ti - o.

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Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.
Amen.



Closing Hymn

Holy God We Praise Thy Name



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name!
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee,



All on earth thy scep - ter claim,
Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim
While in es - sence on - ly One,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee,



In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:
And a - dor - ing bend the knee,



Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
While we own the mys - ter - y.

Repeat ad lib.

Text: *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 77; *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c.1774

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