

**ARCHBISHOP'S COMMITTEE FOR
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Newsletter 24



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(Solemnity of St. Joseph Husband of Mary)

Dear Parish Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration,
(Please forward to coordinator)

This newsletter will be archived on our webpage where you may find helpful information to assist in maintaining and promoting Adoration. www.archstl.org/adoration

PRAY, SACRIFICE, INVITE

Since our Committee has been made aware of some parishes having difficulty with unattended hours during Exposition of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, we thought it would be good to offer this early edition of our newsletter.

Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, because of difficulty scheduling committed adorers, no longer has Exposition of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament but has implemented Eucharistic Adoration. (*Eucharistic Adoration is prayer before the Blessed Sacrament housed within the tabernacle. Eucharistic Exposition is the ritual by which the Blessed Sacrament is displayed outside the tabernacle in a monstrance or ciborium for public veneration by the faithful.*) #9
Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament published by the Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy from the USCCB

Things to consider during Eucharistic Exposition:

1. **No covering when no one is present.** (see Q&A #24 below)
2. **No reposition in the tabernacle beyond the allowed two times in a given day.** (see Q&A #24 below)
3. **That at least two adorers are always assigned and present during adoration.** (see Q&A #24 below)

These are guidelines given to us by the USCCB (Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) and must be followed. If any of the above are being done at your parish, please adore Our Lord in the locked Tabernacle. Reworking the schedule by lessening and combining days and hours, so that at least two people are present, may also be an option. Always continue to encourage parishioners to visit Our Lord, truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Pope St. John Paul II calls worship of the Most Holy Eucharist outside *Mass* "an important daily practice (that) becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness" and a practice "of inestimable value for the life of the Church" (Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament #1)

A faithful adorer's mission is to adore and protect Our Blessed Lord! When He is covered and left alone, we do neither.

24. In those places where perpetual adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament take place, scheduling is often a great challenge. If a person misses an assigned hour for adoration of the exposed Sacrament, can a door or a drape be erected so that the exposed Sacrament can be temporarily closed off from public view?

No. The use of drapes or doors to shield the monstrance, even for a short period of time, is not the required reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament may never be left exposed when no one is present for prayer and adoration. "Every effort should be made to ensure that there should be at least two people present. There must absolutely never be periods when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and there is no one present for adoration." If a period of uninterrupted exposition is not possible, because of too few worshipers, the Blessed Sacrament may be replaced in the tabernacle during periods which have been scheduled and announced before hand. This reposition may not take place more often than twice during the day for example, about noon and night.

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