



ADORATION AT THE CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY AT RESURRECTION

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What's happening in the Chapel? What has happened to the Monstrance?

We are placing a new tabernacle in the chapel and adding venerable icons of Saints Michael and Gabriel. A new votive lamp will be added.

Because of the new tabernacle's dimensions the monstrance can not fit in it. Therefore, a ciborium or a luna containing the Blessed Sacrament will be placed in it. Do not fret, it is the same wonderful and Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle and your devotion is just as true and efficacious as before.

Why is there a need for different tabernacle?

The previous wooden cabinet-like tabernacle does not conform to the Church's requirements, which state: *The tabernacle in which the Eucharist is regularly reserved is to be immovable, made of solid and opaque material, and locked so as to avoid the danger of profanation.*

What is the difference between Adoration and Exposition?

Adoration is comprised of three parts; 1) Adoration (**loving Christ and being loved by Christ**), 2) Exposition (**beholding Christ**), and 3) Benediction (**being blessed by Christ**). Adoration is done by all who visit the chapel. The Rite of Exposition may only be done by a bishop, priest, deacon, acolyte or duly appointed lay Minister of Communion from our parish, and benediction may only be done by a bishop, priest, or deacon.

What is the nature of Exposition?

Exposition by nature is a communal devotion. A lay minister of communion may expose the Blessed Sacrament for public adoration and exposition with the expressed permission of the pastor. This permission is particular for each event and is not usually general in nature. Again, only a lay minister of communion from the Parish of the Resurrection may do this with the pastor's permission.

Why can't we find the key to the Chapel tabernacle?

The key is supposed to be kept safe and not accessible to the general public. The church's documents state the following: *The one who has charge of the church or oratory (i.e., pastor or superior) is to see to it that the key to the tabernacle is diligently safeguarded.*

Why are we making these changes?

A few things have occurred in recent times that have made it necessary to take greater precautions to protect and respect the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. Often times, through a lack of knowledge, the tabernacle door has been left open without anyone in attendance. Also, there is in these days a possibility of theft and profanation of the Sacrament. These, coupled with lax habits and visitors from other parishes has made it necessary that we take steps to conform to the Church's practice in regards to Adoration.

What's the purpose of Adoration if I can't see the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle?

Although Jesus said that, *"we walk by faith and not by sight"* and St. Thomas Aquinas prayed, *"what our senses fail to fathom, faith tells us that Christ is present"* it is important to remember that the Blessed Sacrament and the Real Presence of Jesus is still approachable in the chapel tabernacle. Let's think of St. Elizabeth who was filled with hope and St. John in her womb who leaped for joy when Mary came into their presence. The Blessed Virgin was the first tabernacle as she carried Jesus in her womb. What Elizabeth experienced is ours to experience. We come before our Lord with faith, hope and the Real Presence of Jesus loving us.

The chapel of adoration is a place of prayer, worship, and of being loved by Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. In the intimate environment of the chapel all who visit the Throne Room of the King of Kings will receive blessings and through you our parish family.