

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Churches in the Sutter Buttes Deanery were invited to provide testimonies about Eucharistic Adoration from their parishioners. See testimonies below:

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH, YUBA CITY

(1) When I first signed up for Adoration I was a little afraid of committing myself to a certain day and a certain time and the what ifs that might come up, like Dr. appointments and family obligations but went with it anyway...After a couple of years now, I can honestly say I look so forward to my Holy Hour and finding myself asking for appointments any day but Monday unless absolutely necessary.....That hour spent with The Lord means more than words can say....An hour without phones, and doorbells is priceless.....I use the time for meditation, Rosary, DM Chaplet and spiritual readings...It's difficult to find time and atmosphere at home for such devotions. You will soon find you depend on your Holy Hour and how fortunate we are to be able to visit so personally with Our Lord and Savior. Thank you Father Avram for allowing us the ability to visit with Jesus at any time. Joyce Young

(2) Truly having Jesus available to us 24/7 is a gift from Heaven. I was baptized and catechized through the Catholic Church when I was a child, then left the Church in my late teens and was away for many years until right before I turned 40, my health declined and I had lost so much hope. It took my illness to come home- to Jesus. I will never forget the first morning I was brought to church and Father Avram Brown was celebrating the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I felt this mystical presence and

peace that I was seeking for a long time. All my pain and suffering was lifted. God revealed to me what Heaven was like and that all the pain and suffering that I must endure is not for eternity. When I come to adore Jesus, I can be here adoring Him all day and all night If possible. I tend to lose track of time and my husband says how can you be there for hours? My response to him is...time does not exist when you are with God. That one hour of adoration for me feels like a minute or just the beginning. Evelyn Danko

(3) Good morning. I want to tell you about my experience coming to Adoration. I want to tell you about my testimony about my son. For three years I came in to pray for my son in Adoration hours. I remember every day, every morning every time, I would come crying and asking God for help for my son. He was using drugs, heavy drugs. For me it was so sad.

It was a nightmare to see my son in that situation. The saddest part was that he was on the street. But when you pray with all your heart, and all your faith, God is there for you no matter what situation is in your life. When you pray with faith God will move mountains. I was asking God to have mercy on my son and it was a miracle because now my son has been for five years without drugs, alcohol and he's a healthy man.

I'm never going to forget this day every June 5. We remember with Joy

because that day my son asked for help and every June 5 we celebrate. God is good all the time, now it's been seven years I've been coming to Adoration to give thanks to my God.

A parishioner and continuing Adorer.
Thank you

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, COLUSA

(1) Spending time at Adoration of the Holy Eucharist can have profound effects on us.

I spend time with our Lord sometimes in personal prayer talking to him, sometimes asking for help, and sometimes in contemplation, trying to just spiritually connect. It's in the moments of quiet and sustained solitude that his presence is felt the most. And usually within a short period of time, sometimes minutes, complete clarity comes to me from the Holy Spirit and my prayers are answered. *Dr Chris Impinna*

(2) It is near impossible to fathom the great gift and privilege of receiving and adoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ fully present in the Eucharist. The mere fact that He so willingly humbled Himself to become one of His lowly creatures is astonishing to say the least. Even more astonishing is the fact that He would allow Himself, using one of His creatures, to enter into substances that they/we dine on. If someone suggested to me that I should inhabit bread and water I would take it as an insult! But not our Lord. He willingly took on the form of bread and wine, transfiguring them into life-giving, life-transforming, life-saving, etc. gifts of Himself that we are able to receive and to help strengthen us and

further gain eternal life through them, Him. This is simply too amazing for human language to fully explain.

I touched on the gift of receiving, something I have been able to do since I was a child. I didn't discover until just lately however, the privilege of simply being in front of the Eucharist exposed in the monstrance and in the tabernacle. This discovery has been life altering to say the least. As you can most likely infer, I am what we call a "Cradle Catholic". I attended CCD, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, have been an altar server for twelve years, give or take a few years, and have been Involved in the Holy Liturgy and church organizations for a great majority of my twenty seven years of life. Never once did I attend adoration. Until just about a year ago if you asked me what Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was you would have been met with a very confused look. I won't take you through my story of falling away from and coming back to the catholic faith during college, it is probably similar to most people's I would venture to guess. For the sake of saving your eyes from becoming glossed over, as I am afraid they may have already, I will skip to just past my reversion and about one or two months into God's call for me to consider priesthood. By this time I was on the hunt for as much information I could find on the church and our faith and how it truly is a faith and church instituted by Christ. I started acquiring knowledge by attending RCIA (which I know has a new name), through Relevant Radio and other media sources, through books (which I need to take a break on buying), through Bible Study, etc. All of this research has blown me away. There was

something missing though. A deep love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

As I mentioned, about two months after receiving God's call I was gaining knowledge about, but not a true love for Christ. This is when I began attending adoration at our parish (Our Lady of Lourdes). The true awe and love for Christ in the Eucharist did not come right away. I knew He was there but still had doubts. I needed to attend more, and so I did. Every time, kneeling and praying in front of Jesus, my heart was softened. I began to long to be with Him and wanted to be in His presence, whether in the monstrance or tabernacle. He hooked me and reeled me in! Ever since, I try to be with Him as much as possible, at Holy Mass and especially at adoration. When in Yuba City I love to stop by St. Isidore's and sit with Jesus, no matter what time of day. I learned that St. John the Baptist in Chico has an adoration chapel and have stopped in to say hi to Jesus there. I am excited for this Camino that our deanery has created! I will not only get to visit churches and meet new souls in our deanery but get to visit Jesus while doing so! I look forward to many years of serving God at Mass and Adoration and if God wills and the church accepts me, would be honored to give my life as a priest for Him and His people.

My hope and prayer is that more Catholics and even non-Catholics will be moved to find Jesus in the precious gifts of bread and wine, His body and blood that He so willingly gave to us. I pray that the spirit of unbelief be cast out of our fellow brothers and sisters who claim that the Eucharist is just measly bread and/or who find it grotesque that we would eat of His body and drink of His blood, something he so clearly instructed us to do. They don't understand. I didn't

understand for a time. But now I do. Thank you Holy Trinity, thank you Jesus for softening my heart and leading me back to You, back to the church and most especially back to You in the Eucharist.

Mother Mary, help me to honor and adore your Son to the fullest during Adoration and Mass and to receive Him worthily at Mass. Please pray for all those poor souls who are lost, that they may bite the hook that I did and be brought back to the church your Son instituted for our salvation. Amen, Alleluia.

Brandon Woodring