

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION GUIDELINES

***** What is Adoration of the Holy Eucharist?**

Eucharistic Adoration is an invitation by Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to spend time in prayer and presence with Him; to praise Him, to adore Him, to make reparation to His Sacred Heart and to petition Him for our needs. Eucharistic Adoration is a time when one can come face-to-face with Jesus, the Lord of all creation. Jesus looks at us and we look at Him fully present in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity for us to take time out of our busy lives to come and rest in the Lord!

***** Etiquette in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.**

The Adoration Chapel is a place of great reverence. Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is present in the Monstrance at the front and center of the chapel. Our attitude should be one of reverence, quiet, and awe when we are in the chapel.

When we enter the chapel our attention should be on Our Lord and Savior present in the Eucharist. All of our “devices” should be silenced or off as we focus our attention on Jesus and quiet our minds and hearts.

Before entering a seat, we should demonstrate our reverence and adoration of the Lord by genuflecting on one or two knees or bowing from the waist, known as a profound bow, and acknowledging His Holy Presence. When we leave the chapel, we should once again demonstrate our love and gratitude by genuflecting on one or two knees, as we are physically able, or making another profound bow.

Our time in adoration is a time of quiet prayer and meditation in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Chapel is a place of quiet and peace.

***** Safety Measures at the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.**

1. Each Adorer should have a PERSONAL ACCESS CODE assigned to them by the office. This code is not to be shared with anyone. The keypad outside the Narthex will log in your name as the person who entered at that time. This is for your safety and the safety of your fellow adorers. (To get an access code simply contact Deacon Roberto at the parish office or email him at deaconroberto@stagnesnaples.org.)
2. Outside of Mass hours, park in the handicapped parking lot next to the chapel. This is the closest to the Narthex doors!
3. Pay attention to your surroundings to ensure it is safe to get out of your car and walk to the church.

4. When you come into the narthex make sure that the door closes completely behind you. Do the same when you leave the narthex.
5. If you come during late hours (9pm-7am), check and make sure all other narthex doors are locked. If a door does not lock, it can sometimes be reset by fully depressing the push bar.
6. Leave through the same door that you came in.
7. If possible, bring your phone with you for emergencies, but have the ringer on silence.

*****Protocol for Adorers Change of Watch.**

There should always be at least one adorer in the chapel when the Holy Eucharist is in the Monstrance!

If your time for adoration is over and the next scheduled person has not arrived call or text them to get an estimated time of arrival.

If you cannot contact them, you can contact Father Kris.

Call Fr. Kris at # 239-307-4280. The call will automatically forward to his private phone after business hours.

When we have **Captains** assigned, you can also call your Captain for that shift.

You will each be given a list of all the adorers on your scheduled day. Please make a point of getting to know these people and the best way to contact them. We are all working together as part of the St. Agnes Family to praise and adore Jesus and bless our families, our parish, our diocese and the world.

*****Miscellaneous Notes!**

The registration site for adoration at St. Agnes is www.adorationservants.org

Please keep the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel tidy! If you are using any books etc. during your adoration time, please take them with you or return them to the book rack outside the chapel.

Do not allow anyone into the building who you do not recognize and can personally vouch for.

The current days for Adoration are Tuesdays, beginning at 9AM through Fridays ending at 9PM.

We are registering adorers for the other days of the week but will not “open” those days for adoration until every hour has at least two committed adorers.

The “Mothers and Fathers Praying” group, will meet in the Adoration Chapel on the last Friday of every month from 6PM-9 PM. They will be reciting prayers aloud as a group. Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm Rosary for Peace.

*****Goals for the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

Our goal is 24-hour adoration/ 7 days a week! By God’s grace and the intercession of the Blessed Mother we will get there.

We will be working on a “SUBSTITUTION ADORER LIST” that will be available to all adorers on the website and in hard copy. If you know of anyone who would like to be a substitute please contact Fr. Kris (stagnes@adorationservants.org), or Therese Williams (therese74@earthlink.net). Please be patient as these things take time!

We are also trying to recruit “**Captains**” for each adoration day. There would be three **Captains** a day who would be responsible for ensuring the adoration coverage for that day is complete and assisting with obtaining substitutes if needed or helping in emergencies. Each **Captain** would oversee an 8 hour shift in a 24 hour day; 7am-3pm, 3pm-11pm, 11pm-7am.

Thank you all so very much for your time and enthusiasm in this holy endeavor!

May Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist be always adored and honored. Amen