

# Perpetual Adoration Newsletter

## NATIVITY - The Birth of JESUS

*"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: the glory of an only Son, coming from the Father, filled with enduring love." Jn.1:14*

The Joy of Adoration "My spirit finds joy in God, my Savior" (Luke 1:47)

The Holy Eucharist is the continuation of Christ's Incarnation on earth. The mystery of the Eucharist gives us the joy of having Christmas every day. When we come to the Blessed Sacrament, we come to Bethlehem, a name which means 'house of bread.' Jesus chose to be born in Bethlehem because He would dwell with us forever as the 'Living Bread' come down from heaven (John 6:51)

When the shepherds and Magi came to adore Him, they brought Jesus so much joy with their humble visit to Bethlehem, that their visit has been praised and retold down through the centuries. God has never stopped honoring them, for honoring His Son in Bethlehem. So, too, your humble visit to Jesus today, in the Blessed Sacrament, brings Him so much joy that it will be retold for all eternity, and bring the world closer to His promise of peace on earth.

We are as privileged in being called to adore Him today as were Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and Magi then, because here, Jesus continues His incarnation on earth. Here, Jesus loses His Heart to us in love. Love expresses itself to the object of its affection; the Eucharist is the continual expression of God's perfect, unselfish love for man. The Word, again, becomes flesh and dwells among us, veiled under the species of the Sacred Host, where the same Jesus, born two thousand years ago – as a little babe, in Bethlehem- is truly, really, bodily, and personally present to us, in this most Blessed Sacrament.

We pray for Mary's poverty of spirit, as she paid no attention to the poor and humiliating circumstances of His birth, nor to the many rejections of the outside world, because SHE FOUND ALL HER RICHES IN THE WEALTH OF HIS DIVINE LOVE, and all her treasure in His Real Presence. *"Apart from You, I want nothing on earth...God is my possession forever...to be near God is my happiness."* (Ps 16) This is living the Beatitudes; this is the joy of adoration!! May we become so spiritually detached from everything, also, that Jesus in the Holy Eucharist becomes our greatest treasure, our *"Pearl of great price"* (Mt 13:46), that "Christ may be my wealth." (Phil 3:8)

**Eucharist** means thanksgiving. This is the attitude we should live with. *"Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's will for you in*

*Christ Jesus."* (Th 5:16-18) May His Eucharistic love be the center and joy of our entire being. "I tell you this, that in Me you may find your peace." (Jn 16:33) When Jesus becomes our everything, He becomes our peace. *"You are my God; it is You, Yourself, who are my prize."* (Ps 119) Here, we pay no attention to the cold and wretched condition of our soul, just as Mary paid no attention to the cold and wretched condition of the stable, so that, like Mary, our spirit may *"find joy in God, my Savior"* (Lk 1:47) *"I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'"* (Ps 122:1) Mary inspires us to turn away from our miseries and spiritual infirmities, that we may contemplate Jesus, where we find our esteem, our dignity, our security and our identity in His boundless love for us, in the Holy Eucharist. "The unfathomable riches of Christ" (Eph 3:8) is our Lord's Eucharistic love for us. "He has become our wisdom, our virtue, our holiness, our freedom" (1 Cor 1:30). (Excerpts from *"Loving Jesus with the Heart of Mary"*)

---Vatican News Alert! ---

December, 2007 ~ The Vatican has called for **INCREASED EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** to be offered for our **PRIESTS!!**

### **Blessed Sacrament Prayer:**

Jesus, with each 'Hail Mary' we pray, we unite ourselves to the perfect adoration of Mary, and offer You all the adoration she gave to You in Bethlehem, **that we may bring to You, now, all the joy and warmth that her Adoration brought to You on that first Christmas night**, when she held You in her arms, and brought You close to Her Heart. We thank you and praise You with all the affection of Mary, for being born in Bethlehem and becoming one like us, and for continuing Your Incarnation among us, here, in the Blessed Sacrament. **Teach us to value and cherish Your Eucharistic Presence so that Your Eucharistic Love influences our every thought, word and deed, until our whole life becomes adoration** 'in spirit and truth.' (Jn 4:24)

*Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus!  
Come, Let us Adore Him!!*