

**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear friends in Christ, there are many kinds of devotions that exist within our Church. Properly speaking, devotions are not part of liturgical worship, and they are defined as "expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ" [cf. USCCB, "Prayers and Devotions"]. The most popular forms of Catholic devotions include, for example, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, novenas to various saints, and the veneration of various saintly images. But the greatest devotion is to the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Alphonsus Liguori once wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." As Catholics, we know that one who participates in the sacrifice of the Mass and worthily receives Holy Communion gains countless graces from Jesus. But the Mass is not the only source of Eucharistic grace. After the completion of the Mass, Jesus in His sacramental body and blood remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Thus, we do not only make contact with the very well-spring of Grace in the celebration of the Eucharist, but also outside of Mass when we pray before Him, who remains with us as our friend, just as He promised. That is why Eucharistic adoration is such an important devotion for our spiritual life.

Last July, our parish started an all-day Eucharistic Adoration program on the First Friday of every month. **Beginning January 2018, our parish will have all-day adoration EVERY FRIDAY from 8:30am-7pm in the chapel.** Those interested in participating are asked to put their names in the "Adoration Sign-up Binder" which will be found in the back of the church in the coming weeks. A group of American women once asked Mother Theresa how they could provide assistance for her mission. Her response: "The greatest help would be for you to spend one hour each week in silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament."

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

Cari amici in Cristo, certamente sapete che ci sono molti tipi di devozione nella Chiesa Cattolica. Correttamente parlando, le devozioni non fanno parte del culto liturgico e sono definite come "espressioni di amore e fedeltà che nascono dall'insieme della propria Fede, cultura e Vangelo di Gesù Cristo" [cf. USCCB, "Preghiere e devozioni"]. Le forme più popolari di devozione Cattolica includono, ad esempio, il Rosario, le stazioni della Via Crucis, al Sacro Cuore di Gesù, le novene a vari santi e la venerazione di varie immagini sante, ma la più meritevole è la devozione verso il Santissimo Sacramento.

San Alfonso Liguori una volta scrisse: "Di tutte le devozioni, l'Adorazione a Gesù nel Santissimo Sacramento è la più importante dopo i Sacramenti, quella più cara a Dio e quella più utile per noi". Come Cattolici, sappiamo che chi partecipa al sacrificio della Messa e riceve degnamente la Santa Comunione ottiene innumerevoli grazie da Gesù. Ma la Messa non è l'unica fonte di grazia Eucaristica. Dopo il completamento della Messa, Gesù nel suo corpo e sangue sacramentale rimane con noi nel Santissimo Sacramento. Quindi, non solo entriamo in contatto con la fonte della Grazia nella celebrazione dell'Eucaristia, ma anche fuori dalla Messa quando preghiamo davanti a Lui, che rimane con noi come nostro Amico, proprio come aveva promesso. Ecco perché l'Adorazione Eucaristica è una devozione così importante per la nostra vita spirituale.

Lo scorso luglio, la nostra parrocchia ha iniziato un programma di Adorazione Eucaristica durante tutto il giorno del primo venerdì di ogni mese. **A partire da gennaio 2018, la nostra parrocchia avrà l'adorazione durante tutto il giorno OGNI VENERDÌ dalle 8:30 alle 19:00 nella Cappella.** Coloro che sono interessati a partecipare sono invitati a mettere i loro nomi nel "Raccoglitore per l'Adorazione" che sarà situato nelle prossime settimane all'ingresso della Chiesa. Un gruppo di donne americane una volta chiese a Madre Teresa come potevano fornire assistenza per la sua missione. La sua risposta fu: "L'aiuto più grande che potrete dare sarebbe quello di trascorrere un'ora ogni settimana in silenziosa Adorazione davanti al Santissimo Sacramento."

Pace e bene, *Don Tommasa*

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday: December 18th

8:00am - Reparation for Sins and Moral Renewal of Canada
7:00pm - †Precilla Picardo & Hellen Goveas

Tuesday: December 19th

8:00am - †Angelo Crisostimo & Elena Crisostimo Rosate
7:00pm - St. Padre Pio

Wednesday: December 20th

8:00am - †Pasquale & Dolores Colacci
7:00pm - †Aleyamma Babu

Thursday: December 21st

8:00am - In Thanksgiving - Thommana Varghese
7:00pm - †Collin Munnick

Friday: December 22nd

8:00am - †Antonio Braga, Jose Travassos & Virginia Melo
7:00pm - †Maria Rigutto

Saturday: December 23rd

8:30am - †Tillie Philpott
5:00pm - For the People of Our Parish

Sunday: December 24th

9:00am - †Laura Greco
10:30am - †Franco Aiello
12:00pm - †George & Elmo Laundry

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world."
- *Pope Benedict*



Let us pray!
For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last week Collection \$5,075.40
Building Funds \$ 661.60

Thank You For Your Generosity

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR LADY OF THE AIRWAYS CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES

SATURDAY, December 23rd

5:00pm - English Vigil Mass
8:00pm - Tamil Mass

SUNDAY, December 24th

9:00am - English Mass, 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm - Children's English Mass
9:00pm - Tamil Mass, 12:00 midnight - English Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, December 25th

(office closed)

9:00am - English Mass, 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th

8:30am BILINGUAL MASS
(Boxing Day - office closed)

HOLY FAMILY MASSES

SATURDAY, December 30th

5:00pm - English Vigil Mass, 8:00pm - Tamil Mass

SUNDAY, December 31st

9:00am - English Mass, 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00pm - English Vigil Mass
10:00pm - Tamil (Holy Hour), 11:00pm - Tamil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

MONDAY, January 1st

(office closed)

9:00am - English Mass, 10:30am - Italian Mass
12:00pm - English Mass



*Jesus, Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.*

*May our excitement and
anticipation be a sign to the work that
you are always near. Amen.*

*Gesù, sorgente di gioia, possa l'anticipazione
della Tua nascita riempirci di gioia.*

*Possa l'eccitamento e l'anticipazione essere
un segno della tua vicinanza. Amen.*



Adult Faith Formation
at Our Lady of the Airways
Thursday, December 21st at 7:45pm

THE LAST THINGS:
What Happens After We Die?
Speaker: Fr. Thomas Lim

THIS SESSION WILL COVER:

- The particular judgment of each soul at the moment of death
- Hell: what it is, and why, if we fail to repent, we will be separated from God forever
- Heaven, the perfect communion of life and love with the Trinity
- Purgatory, the purification some need before entering into full communion with God
 - Why Catholics pray for the dead

All are welcome to attend.



EDGE

Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome
to our next **EDGE Night**
on **Friday, January 12th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

All grades 9 - 12 are invited! **LIFE TEEN**

All Teens in grade 9 - 12 are welcome
to our **Life Nights!**

'Life Teen' begins with the **5:00pm Mass**

6:00pm: Dinner (in the parish hall)

6:30pm - 8:30pm: Life Night

Follow us on Instagram: ourladyairwaysyouth

For youth ministry info, please contact 905-677-4615 or
email: OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com



Children's Christmas Eve Choir

Children in Grade 3 and up are invited to
participate in a Christmas Choir to sing at the
5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Practices Times are as follows:

Sat. Dec. 23rd - 6pm to 6:45pm & Sun. Dec. 24th - 4:15pm.
Those interested are asked to meet Zabrina in the church.

Sponsor a Christmas Poinsettia

Parishioners are invited to sponsor poinsettias
for our Christmas decorations.

You may make your donations by using the
"Christmas Flower" envelopes which can be
found in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

*Please place your envelopes in the weekend
offertory collection. Thank You!*

