Divine Mercy Sunday
John XXIII and John Paul II are proclaimed saints.

Establishing Divine Mercy Sunday for the Entire Church
When Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina (making her St. Faustina), he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. Today, Pope Francis canonizes Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II.

How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!

Divine Mercy Sunday at of St. Rose of Lima Parish
It is with great joy that we celebrate today
Divine Mercy Sunday with a
Solemn Mass at  9:00am
Procession, Blessing and Veneration of the Sacred Images;
concluding with the Litany of the Divine Mercy following Communion.

Next Sunday, May 4
St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus
International Dinner for Our Seminarians

Come join us for our 20th Annual Knights of Columbus Council #5803 International Seminarian Dinner to be held at St. Rose of Lima parish hall next Sunday, May 4 from 2:00-4:00pm. All proceeds from this dinner will help support Seminarians. The Knights of Columbus continue to remind us that the work of the Church and vocations must be the work of all Catholics, to support and encourage vocations for our parishes and religious orders, vocations that will continue to evangelize in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Daily:** 8:30am & 5:30pm  
**Saturday:** 8:30am; 5:00pm (Vigil); 7:00pm (Spanish)  
**Sunday:** 6:00am, 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am (Family/Children), 1:00pm (Spanish), 5:00pm (Youth)

**SACRAMENTS**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Administered throughout the year. Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

**BAPTISMS**
English: 1st Sunday of the month  
Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month  
By appointment; please call or visit the Rectory.

**MARRIAGES**
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**
Jo & Frank Wilhelmi • 526-6194

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR with BENEDICTION**

**NOVENA**
Mother of Perpetual Help  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

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**MOTHER CABRINI CIRCLE**

**GIFT STORE**
Located in the vestibule; open after morning Sunday Masses.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
For information on the Catholic Faith and the process of inquiry, please call:

Jo & Frank Wilhelmi  
805-526-6194
Dear friends, three recent events - 1) a chief executive of a major company being forced out of his position because of a donation he made to a pro-traditional marriage campaign; 2) a hostile crowd of students and parents hounding a Catholic nun who dared to uphold Catholic teaching in a speech at a Catholic high school; and 3) a vice principal, fired from a Catholic high school for marrying his male partner, and is suing the school and the diocese, stating clearly that they want to depose the bishop—have disturbed me very much, and I feel compelled to respond in some way. Thanks be to God, Fr. Dwight Longenecker wrote an article entitled “Are the Apostles Asleep?” that have summed up my concerns. It reads as follows:

“Last week the battle cry of the proponents of same sex marriage has gone up with a whoop. A chief executive of a major company was forced out of office for a donation to a pro-traditional marriage campaign. The baying crowd hounded a Catholic nun who dared to uphold Catholic teaching in a Catholic high school. A vice principal fired from a Catholic high school for marrying his male partner has sued the school and the diocese stating clearly that they want to depose the bishop. Others, scenting blood in the affair of Brendan Eich have said they have the list of all Prop 8 donors and are “going for them.”

It is tempting in the face of this onslaught to opt out. I want to get on with my job of being a Catholic priest, trying to climb the mountain of personal holiness, minister to my people, evangelize and spread the word with joy. I see my fellow apostles wanting to do the same. We are Catholics. Our position about same sex matters is simple: Don’t condone and don’t condemn. Hold to the Catholic faith. Teach it with simplicity and faithfulness and allow people the freedom to do what they choose.

However, I do not think we will be allowed to slumber in such a way. Jesus battled with the darkness on his own in the Garden of Gethsemane. The apostles slept. In the meantime his enemies were plotting actively against him and they sought him out. They came looking for him. They were itching for a fight. They wanted to root him out. I suspect it will be the same with the issue of same sex marriage. Catholics will not be left alone. The enemies of Christ and his Church will come looking for a fight. It will be impossible to be passive. It will be impossible to doze quietly and be left alone. Our toleration will not be tolerated. Approval will be demanded.

I don’t think I’m being alarmist or paranoid—just reading the signs of the times. What will be most disappointing is that a huge number of Catholics will be in favor of same sex marriage. They are already, and when faithful Catholics are brought into the conflict they should not be surprised to find that they will be ostracized by their own. History shows that this is precisely what happens.

In the meantime, while Jesus is watching and praying and sweating blood, too many of the disciples are sleeping. Happily satiated by our materialistic lifestyle, we’re dozing after our big dinner and are totally unaware of the storm clouds gathering.

The underlying problem is the complete unawareness on the part of many Catholics that there is any conflict at all between the way of the world and the way of the cross. In comfortable Christian America they haven’t dreamed that to be a Christian involves any sort of clash with the surrounding culture. Indeed, they have seen Christianity as integrated with and supporting American culture. They have assumed that to be a good Catholic is all part of being a cheerful consumerist, hedonistic American. Comfortable Catholicism is the order of the day. Going to the big carpeted church on Sunday is just another all American weekend activity like going to the football game on Friday night and the Mall on Saturday morning.

The idea that being a Catholic might involve any sort of conflict with the surrounding culture or clash with the prevailing culture is something that has never once entered their heads.

They can’t imagine that America and Americans can do any wrong. The majority is always right—right? If the majority is going a particular way, then you don’t want to be un-American and fight the tide. That would not be democratic. So they will sleepwalk into a minefield. How the Church will handle this approaching challenge is going to be fascinating and heartbreaking to behold.”

Basking in light of Holy Week and the Paschal Mystery we just celebrated, I pray that all of us at St. Rose of Lima will take to heart the challenges that Fr. Dwight Longenecker sets before us—that we will choose Christ and His cross over the convenience and comfort of our American culture.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Joseph Shea
What Does Jesus Expect of Me?
Jesus calls you to follow him. Your life could be an adventure with God. St. Rose of Lima Parish extends a warm welcome to all who wish to join our faith community for worship and fellowship. Come Feast on His Word, develop your knowledge, and build a family of faith. If you are new to the area, or coming back home, we invite you to make St. Rose your parish by calling the rectory at 526-1732 or stop by during office hours or visit our website: www.StRoseSV.com

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2
Pray for those newly baptized.

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3
And pray for one another.—James 5:13-18
Names on this list will be deleted after 3 months, unless the rectory staff is notified. If you are a family member and you wish to add or renew a name, please notify the office.

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Sue Arrigoni
Patricia Arthur
Sebastian
Baghdassarian
Manuel Barrera
Angie Beltran
Alondra Brito
Richard Case
Ashley Day
Gene Demendoza
Dorothy Errett
Charlie Franking
Ruben Garcia
Adrienne Gardner
Brooke Gardner
Rosa Gonzalez

Ted Di Lucchio
Kenneth Dolenak
Florante Domingo
Angelina Eden
Andrea Figueroa
Ruben Gonzales
Margaret Jimenez
Jeane Klutz
Barbara Knight
Frances Lemos
Joyce Lohbauer
Zoe Lowdermill
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Brianna Martin
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Kathy Meyer
Verna Meyer
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Jodi Runyon
Yvonne Salcido
Donald Salvas
Terrianne Soria
Alex Sprague
Bryan Sprague
Colina Stephanson
Irene Velasquez
Maryann Walters
Sharon Yaqui
Imelda Youngman

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Bowie Bergdahl
Pvt. James Berru
Patrick Croy
John Gebert
Thomas M. Gonzalez
Johsh Houseinger
Brian Kiely
Ryan Loniero
Ronald Murphy
Ryan Osier
Juan Ignacio Rios
Kaplan Sharpe

U.S. Navy
Matthew Anaya

U.S. Air Force
Tanner Aurand
Sgt. Christine Campo
Vincent Russo

Maj. Andrew Hull
Capt. Melissa Hall

U.SMC
Gregg Bell
Krysten Bochen
Patrick F. Costa
Walter Cueva
Alex Knott
Alex Martin
Nicholas C. Moreno
Rafael Rodriguez
Jose T. Fernandez

Christian Ares
Raymond Bucci
Ryan Bunnell
Paul Gebert
Sgt. Colton Haney
Jim La Rosa
Brady Melson
Ricky Noone
Brian Olex
Sgt. Casey Pilkinson
Lt. Col. Andrew Shortes
Jordan Sine

Armando Peña, Jr.
Col. Marilyn Rios

“Pray for the souls of all our beloved departed and their families. Antonio Flores and Charito Gaztambide

Mass Intentions
SATURDAY, April 26
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Jessie Gonzalez (I)
7:00pm Marie Dick (D)

SUNDAY, April 27
6:00am Concetta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Earl Macht & Delia Cagas (D)
9:00am Mary Ann Bowden (I)
11:00am Tom Heckenkamp (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Jackie Morales (I)
5:00pm Mario Avanzado (D)

MONDAY, April 28
8:30am Louis Madrid (D)
5:30pm Luisa Rodriguez (I)

TUESDAY, April 29
8:30am Enz Jusnez (D)
5:30pm Carol Ann Hall (I)

WEDNESDAY, April 30
8:30am Natalia Junio (D)
5:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Josi Yap (I)

THURSDAY, May 1
8:30am Susan Szucz (D)
5:30pm Tom Martinez (D)

FRIDAY, May 2
8:30am Thomas & Mildred Hall (D)
5:30pm Cynthia Lopez (D)

SATURDAY, May 3
8:30am Members of the Millenium Club (I)
5:00pm Irene & Raymond Pohl (D)
7:00pm Isac Guerrero (D)

SUNDAY, May 4
6:00am Concetta Stephenson (D)
7:00am Chris Luvisi (D)
9:00am Henry Lee (I)
11:00am Nitro Pringle, Jr. (D)
(Sp) 1:00pm Frankie Sanservino (D)
5:00pm Gary Filaski (D)

Readings for the Week

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**Adult Education & Faith Formation**

**Continuing Adult Faith Formation**

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Church, Catholic teachings or Catholic Traditions, but you don’t know who to ask? Join us on **Monday, May 5 at 7pm in room 9 of the school** as we host our annual “Catholic Free-For-All.” This is a night where as many of your questions will be answered as time allows. Our speaker that night will be David Brown. David has two master’s degrees (in theology and in pastoral ministry). He currently teaches a monthly continuing adult faith formation the 1st Monday of the month.

**Adoration Schedule**

"Adorers are needed:

Tuesday:  3am and 6am
Wednesday:  4am 1pm 9pm and 10pm
Thursday:  10am 11am and 12pm
Friday:  10pm

*Our Blessed Mother said, Do whatever He tells you* (Jn.2:5).
The only request Jesus ever made of His apostles is, *Could you not watch one hour with Me?* (Mt.26:40)

*Did You Know?* Bishop Sheen made a Holy Hour once a day,
*Pope John Paul II* made two Holy Hours every day and *Mother Teresa* made three Holy Hours in the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, every single day.

**Team Leaders**

12am-5am  Theresa Wong 428-0942
6am-11am  Cathy Sullivan 526-7628
12pm-5pm  Anita Koller 526-9910
6pm-11pm  Kathy and Frank Cross 501-8431

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Tuesdays & Fridays at 3pm

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Benediction**

*with Deacon Ed Posvar*

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays after the daily 5:30pm Mass

Family Novena In Honor of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague Every Friday at 6:00pm

The St. Rose of Lima Retreat for WOMEN will be **MAY 9-11**, at MATER DOLOROSA in Sierra Madre.
The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes early Sunday morning so moms can still return in plenty of time to celebrate Mother’s Day. The theme is **"The Road to Emmaus… Companions on the Journey."**

The retreat grounds and center is a beautiful place to reflect and pray. You deserve this wonderful retreat experience! We only have a FEW remaining spots left. Please contact Annelies Bruemmer (805-813-4541), or Lorraine Ferrall (805-428-1893) for information.

**DEVOTIONS**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**The study of the Book of Psalms** with Fr. Bill:

*Tuesday class:* We will resume our study with session 11 on Tuesday, April 29 in the church right after the 8:30am Mass.

*Saturday class:* We will NOT meet on Saturday May 3 because our parish is celebrating the First Holy Communion of our children. We will see next week, May 10 when we resume with session 12 after the 8:30am Mass in the church.

**THE STUDY OF JAMES:**

Our Thursday evening study of James will continue on **May 1 at 7:30pm in classroom 13.**

For questions or comments, please call Annette Lercel, Bible Study Coordinator, at 584 3533.

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED MINISTRY**

**We are a Christ-centered, self-help program.**

We meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month in **Room 11** of the school. **7:00-9:00pm.**

All adults are welcome!

**Friday, May 2: NO MEETING**

**Friday, May 16:** "How To Find Your Purpose Through The Life Of Jesus Christ, In The Temptation By The Devil In The Desert," by Dr. Bennett Annan.

**Thursday, May 8,** Dinner/social at Szechuwan Garden, 1407 Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley 6:30pm

Contact: Jean Jenners (JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), call 526-1732 or visit: www.StRoseSV.com/DSW.html

**FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES**

"My grace is sufficient for you…”

Freedom in Our Lives Ministry invites all adults to a Christ-centered program that could change your outlook on life.

Our mission is to help people overcome their hurts, habits and hang-ups. Meetings are held in **Classroom 11** of St Rose of Lima School.

Dinner & fellowship begins at 6:15pm on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month.

General meeting from 7:00-8:00pm

Small Groups 8:00-9:00pm

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

A. Faith & Reason-St. Thomas Aquinas

B. Philosophy of Quantum Physics-

William stoeger, S.J., PhD.

Monday, May 5 at 6:00pm in classroom 4

For information: Lumen & Ched Cruz 584-6160
SubRosa Adoration Hour
EVERY WEDNESDAY 8-9 pm
(Chapel in the church)
Join us as we spend silent time praying with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come any time during the hour.

Apologetics 1 Peter 3:15
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY ROOM 8 @ 7PM
Join us as we discuss relevant topics & questions we as Catholics are faced with in today’s secular society. We will be discussing how to talk with atheists/agnostics when in dialogue about faith and promoting the argument for God.

Women’s Group – Captivating
SUNDAY MAY 11TH ROOM 6 @ 1:30PM
Join the SubRosa Women’s Group as they discuss the book: Captivating A Woman’s Soul by John & Stasi Eldredge. This group meets every two weeks over lunch.

St. John Paul the Great Fundraiser
Help support SubRosa by purchasing this great book written by well-known Catholic author/speaker Jason Evert. The books are $10 each and will be sold after Masses during May and June.
Please contact us for more information.

Happy Easter Season!

~The SubRosa Team~
curious@subrosafamily.org
(805) 428-3755
Please Pray for Our Second Graders as They Make Their First Holy Communion

Prayer for a Child’s First Communion

Lord Jesus,
Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a lifelong love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Instilling faith, knowledge & service into the hearts & minds of students through instruction, modeling & guidance.

WE ASK THE LORD FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING UPON ALL THE CHILDREN WHO JUST RECEIVED OR WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR.

CONFIRMATION
Saturday, May 10 at 5:00pm

Due to the large number of Confirmandi, as well as their family and friends in attendance, there will be limited seating and parking for those parishioners who regularly attend the Saturday evening vigil Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Jim Acquarelli, Religious Education
RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life ministry will be selling beautiful orchid corsages for only $5.00 at the Masses on Mother’s Day weekend. The money raised will go to the Life Centers of Ventura County to help pregnant women in need in our community. Learn more at www.VCLifeCenters.com or call (805) 486-2721.

Spring Training Classes Offered

Your God-Given Talents are needed! Have you thought about becoming a counselor at the Pregnancy Counseling Center? Are you a good listener? Want to make a difference to women and men in their crisis pregnancies?

Don’t worry if you think you can’t do it, all you have to have is the passion and desire to save the innocent unborn. We will help you along the way.

New training classes are available starting this month and will last for four consecutive Saturdays. May 3, May 10 May 17 from 9:00am to 1:00pm Classes will be held at the PCC. Contact Eddy at (818)895-2500 or email edy2preganhelp4u.org

Did you Know?

Recognizing signs of child abuse and neglect

A key to reporting child abuse and neglect is being able to recognize common indicators. In children, the following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect: Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance. Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents’ attention. Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen. Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn. Comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/default.aspx. For particular help, you may call Victim’s Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

¿Sabía Usted?

Recogna las muestras de abuso y negligencia de menores

Una de las herramientas para poder reportar el abuso y negligencia de menores es saber reconocer las señales comunes. En los niños, las siguientes muestras pueden señalar la presencia de abuso o negligencia: cambios repentinos en su comportamiento o en el rendimiento escolar; no recibir ayuda en los problemas físicos o médicos a los cuales le han informado a los padres; se mantienen vigilante como si algo malo fuera a suceder; son demasiado conformistas, pasivos o retraídos; llegan temprano a la escuela u otras actividades, se queda tarde y no quiere irse a casa. Para aprender más sobre la prevención del abuso de menores visite: http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/default.aspx. Para ayuda especial, marque al número del Ministerio de Asistencia a Víctimas, (213) 637-7650.
Queridos amigos, en vista de los tres recientes acontecimientos 1) un ejecutivo quien obligado a renunciar su puesto por participar en la campaña en favor del matrimonio tradicional 2) estudiantes y padres de familia acusaron a una monja católica por defender la doctrina Católica 3) un subdirector de una escuela Católica ha demandado a su escuela y diócesis, por haber sido despedido por casarse con su pareja masculina -- todo esto me ha molestado mucho y, me siento obligado a responder de alguna manera.

Gracias a Dios, el Padre Dwight Longnecker escribió un artículo titulado "¿Están los Apóstoles dormidos?" que dice: “Hemos visto que un ejecutivo de una gran compañía fue obligado a renunciar su puesto por contribuir a una campaña a favor del matrimonio tradicional. Una multitud persiguió a una monja Católica que se atrevió a defender la doctrina Católica en una escuela secundaria Católica. Un subdirector despedido de una escuela secundaria Católica por casarse con su pareja masculina ha demandado a la escuela y diócesis y claramente quieren deponer al obispo. Otros, olfateando la sangre en el caso de Brendan Eich han dicho que tienen la lista de todos los donantes de la Prop 8 y irán tras ellos.”

Es tentador no participar. Quiero seguir con mi trabajo de ser un sacerdote Católico, tratando de subir la montaña de la santidad personal, atender a mi pueblo, evangelizar y difundir la palabra con gozo. Veo a mis compañeros apóstoles querer hacer lo mismo. Somos Católicos. Nuestra posición sobre el matrimonio del mismo sexo es simple: No Excusar y no Condenar. Mantener la fe Católica. Enseñar con sencillez y fidelidad y permitir a la gente la libertad de hacer lo que deseen.


Yo sospecho que será lo mismo con el tema del matrimonio del mismo sexo. No dejen en paz a Los Católicos. Los enemigos de Cristo y de su iglesia vendrán en busca de una pelea. Será imposible ser pasivo. Será imposible dormitar tranquilamente y estar en paz. Nuestra tolerancia no será tolerada. La aprobación será exigida.

No creo ser alarmista o paranoide— sólo veo los tiempos. Lo que va a ser más decepcionante es que un gran número de Católicos estarán a favor del matrimonio del mismo sexo. Ya lo están, y cuando los fieles Católicos se ponen en conflicto no deben sorprenderse que serán condenados por su propia familia. La historia demuestra que eso es precisamente lo que sucede.

Mientras Jesús está mirando y rezando y sudando sangre, muchos de los discípulos duermen. Felizmente saciados por nuestro estilo de vida materialista, estamos durmiendo después de nuestra gran cena y somos totalmente inconscientes de la tormenta.

El problema subyacente es el desconocimiento total por parte de muchos Católicos que no existe conflicto alguno entre la forma del mundo y el camino de la cruz. En la comodidad de la América Cristiana no han soñado que ser Cristiano implica ningún tipo de enfrentamiento con la cultura circundante. De hecho, han visto el Cristianismo como integrado con y el apoyo a la cultura Americana. Han asumido que para ser un buen Católico es parte de ser un consumista alegre, hedonista Americano. Cómodo Catolicismo es la orden del día. El ir a la iglesia alfombrada el viernes y el centro comercial el sábado por la mañana.

La idea de que ser un Católico podría implicar algún tipo de conflicto con la cultura circundante o entrar en conflicto con la cultura predominante es algo que nunca ha corrido por sus mentes.

No se pueden imaginar que Estados Unidos y los estadounidenses pueden hacer ningún mal. La mayoría siempre tiene la razón. ¿Verdad? Si la mayoría va de una manera particular, entonces usted no quiere ser antiAmericano y luchar contra la marea. Eso no sería democrático. Así que van a caminar dormidos en un campo minado. “¿Cómo la Iglesia se irán tras ellos.”

Mientras Jesús está mirando y rezando y sudando sangre, muchos de los discípulos duermen. Felizmente saciados por nuestro estilo de vida materialista, estamos durmiendo después de nuestra gran cena y somos totalmente inconscientes de la tormenta.

Relajándonos al terminar la Semana Santa y el Misterio Pascual que acabamos de celebrar, le pido a Dios que encargará de este desafío que se acerca será fascinante y desgarradora”.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Padre Joseph Shea

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA SANTA

| Lunes: | Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8 |
| Martes: | Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 |
| Miércoles: | Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21 |
| Viernes: | Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 |
| Sábado: | 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14 |
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**Why We Genuflect**

Have you ever wondered why we genuflect at various times during a Mass or inside the church in general? If you have - you’re not alone. Many Catholics, it seems, are not familiar with the various appropriate gestures that are to be observed when in a Catholic church.

Whereas, a reverent or profound bow may be appropriate in certain situations, genuflecting is usually reserved for the Holy Eucharist. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), “A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament, as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil” (274).

Genuflecting is not only reserved for the laity - priests are also bound by certain rubrics during Mass. The GIRM (n. 233) notes, “Three genuflections are made during Mass: after the showing of the Eucharistic bread, after the showing of the chalice, and before Communion. If there is a tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament in the sanctuary, a genuflection is made before and after Mass and whenever anyone passes in front of the Blessed Sacrament.”

Unfortunately, some people make only a half-hearted attempt to genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament, resembling a quick curtsy while others will stop briefly to bow or make a speedy sign of the cross. There are those who will genuflect or kneel before a statue of the Blessed Mother or other saint when entering or exiting the church – yet they will ignore the Blessed Sacrament. Finally, there are some who will completely forego any gesture and simply walk on by as if Jesus wasn’t even there. Some people might not be able to genuflect at all due to physical limitations, which is permissible in those cases.

As Catholics, we cannot ignore the fact that our Lord is physically present (body, blood, soul and divinity) on the altar, in the tabernacle or the monstrance. His presence is as real as if he were to walk into our homes and sit down at the table. Would we simply whisk by him and ignore him if this were the case? Or, would we fall prostrate before him with awe and respect, paying him the proper homage and adoration reserved for God alone?

In the Gospels, Jesus said, “This is my Body” and “This is my Blood” (Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20). St. Augustine may have said it best for all of us when he stated, “What you see is the bread and the chalice, that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ and the chalice is the blood of Christ.” (Sermons 227 [A.D. 411]).