

St Brigid Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Adorer's Information Packet



This packet contains the information that you will need as you begin your journey of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Brigid Catholic Church. You have been called on this journey, not by man but by the Holy Spirit. As you continue in faith, St. Brigid Parish asks that you keep us in your prayers so that we will always have the volunteers needed to guard our Most Holy Eucharist in Perpetual Adoration. God bless you for your gift.

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Adorer's Prayer

(The following prayer was inspired by the Holy Spirit and prayed for the successful start of Perpetual Adoration at St Brigid. Please continue to pray this prayer for our parish.)

Dear Lord Jesus,

**Send your Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and minds with the fire of your love.
Keep our faith ever present so that we might believe with our hearts,
confess with our lips and allow our minds to be open by grace to your Divine will.
Help us to stand with you, Lord, as we live our daily lives.
Even without seeing you, we love and believe.
Through faith in you, we seek salvation.
Renew our call to your service,
placing within us a holy desire to do your will in the community of God.**

Amen



Guidelines for Chapel Conduct

Respect for Our Lord is displayed in the following ways:

1. Genuflect (Kneel on both knees) upon entering the presence of our Lord in the Exposed Eucharist. If you are unable to genuflect then make a deep bow from the waist.
2. Be mindful of proper, respectful attire.
3. No talking, maintain an austere reverence in the presence of Our Lord. If you need to talk to someone who is in the chapel, leave the chapel and hold your conversation quietly outside.
4. No spontaneous unscheduled events or sermonizing is allowed. Adoration is a peaceful, private time for each adorer.
5. **Never eat or drink in the chapel.** Chewing gum or candy is not respectful either. Water is permitted only if it is required for health reasons.
6. I-pads and music devices are allowed as long as they are for the purpose of accessing spiritual reading and music and no sound can be heard by other adorers. Cell phones are not to be used in the chapel.
7. Children are not to wander the halls or go to the bathroom unaccompanied by an adult. Do keep them occupied with appropriate books or some quiet activity. Should your child get anxious, please take him/her out so as not to disturb the other adorers.

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Rules for Chapel Conduct

The following Chapel Rules are to be observed by all adorers:

1. Please remember to sign in for your hour of adoration **at the beginning** of your assigned hour. That way the person before you will know that you are in the chapel and they are now at liberty to leave.
2. Check the sign-in sheet before you leave the chapel to make sure the person who is scheduled for the next hour is in the chapel before you leave. If the person after your hour does not show up and **you choose** to be the substitute for the next hour, sign your name on the sign-in sheet and put the word (substitute) after your name. This will let the Hour Coordinator know an unscheduled absence took place which he needs to know so it does not happen to you again next week.
3. Nothing is to be placed on the altar of repose.
4. Spiritual reading material provided is never to be removed from the chapel.
5. No material of any kind is to be placed in the chapel unless authorized by the Head Coordinator.
6. Please bring your cell phone for **“Emergency Use Only”**.
7. Know the procedures for contacting a substitute or making emergency calls.



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SUBSTITUTES FOR ADORATION

Each Adorer commits to being a critical link in an unbroken chain of love offered to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, whereby St. Brigid's Catholic Community proclaims Him King, by giving to Him the honor and glory due His name through Perpetual Adoration. "These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. It was this that brought them before God's throne; day and night they minister to Him in His temple. He who sits on the throne will give them shelter...for the Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." Rev. 7: 14-17.



It is therefore the responsibility of EACH Adorer to be present for their scheduled hour or to ensure that there is always someone worshiping before the Blessed Sacrament. If you are blessed with a fellow Adorer for your hour – contact them when you know you will be absent (vacation, work, travel etc.) to ensure that they do not also have a conflict. If both Adorers have a conflict for the same day, find a substitute. Updated substitute lists can be gotten from your Hourly Captain (copies are always on the reference table to the right side of the chapel door).

If you are the only Adorer in a given time slot and if you know in advance that you will not be able to make a given date, it is critical to find a substitute to fill your hour of Adoration. A good idea is to find a backup person, in advance, who will agree to substitute for you if you become suddenly ill. If no substitute can be found, call your Hourly Captain.

THREE WAYS TO FIND A SUBSTITUTE:

- 1) Use the Adoration Substitute list which is updated frequently. Check with your Hourly Captain if your list is older than 3 months. There should always be copies of the most up to date substitute list on the table at the left side of the chapel door as you enter.
- 2) Talk with family and friends and ask them in advance to volunteer to occasionally substitute for you on an as-needed basis. This will help you in a crisis and promote the Adoration Ministry to others.
- 3) For vacations or other scheduled absences – ask the Adorer in the hour before you to stay 30 minutes longer and ask the Adorer in the hour behind you to come 30 minutes early – thereby covering your hour for the day you will be absent.

One of the most important rules of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is to never leave the Blessed Sacrament unattended. You have made a covenant with the Lord to do your part to make sure your hour is covered. It is your responsibility to never allow the Holy Eucharist to go unguarded during your committed hour. Remember that each hour that you spend before the Blessed Sacrament brings you, your family, the world and everyone in the world closer to Christ. Your prayers are joined with all other Adorers at Perpetual Adoration around the globe and those in Adoration in Heaven, in giving unending praise to God. Through Perpetual Adoration you can bring about the radical transformation of the whole world.

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WHAT TO DO IF THE NEXT SCHEDULED ADORER DOES NOT COME

The primary rule of Adoration is to NEVER LEAVE THE EXPOSED BLESSED SACRAMENT UNATTENDED.

Each of us is part of a critical chain of Guardians, who hourly strive to keep the community of St. Brigid's present in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your replacement does not show, please do the following:



- 1) Give your replacement 5 – 10 minutes. The next Adorer may just be running late.
- 2) Phone your replacement. A master list of all Adorer's is in the back of the sign-in book. Use your personal cell phone to contact them.
- 3) If you get no answer, call their Hourly Captain (list also in the back of sign-in book).
- 4) Make a note of the situation in the sign-in book for that hour, i.e. "No Show".
- 5) If no replacement can be found, please stay with the Blessed Sacrament if at all possible.
- 6) Contact your Hourly Captain and report the situation. They will work with the Hourly Captain in the next hour to try to make sure this does not happen again.

IF YOU CANNOT STAY FOR THE NEXT HOUR

If circumstances prevent you from staying with the Blessed Sacrament for the next hour repose the Eucharist by doing the following:

- A) Locate the "monstrance cover" in the plastic sleeve at the back of the 2nd binder on the table.
- B) Do not move the monstrance. Cover the monstrance with the cover.

The next person who comes to Adoration is to carefully remove the monstrance cover and return it to the plastic sleeve in the back of the 2nd binder.

Please make every effort to show up for your appointed Adoration hours. Pray for those who are missing. With God's help they will remember next time.

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Security Guidelines For Adorers

1. The door to the Eucharistic Chapel Hallway will be locked at 9:00 p.m. and unlocked at 5:30 a.m. There will be a key in the lock that will be used to unlock the door when Adorers arrive and leave for Adoration. The key must stay in the lock.
2. If you are relieving Adorers in the middle of the night please watch as they walk to their car to make sure they are in their car safely with no falls or accidents.
3. Please bring your cell phone (on vibrate) to Adoration, in case you need to Contact an Adorer or your Hourly Captain.
4. Adorers should have their Adorers ID Card with them if they are arriving during the evening hours to identify that they are signed up for Adoration. Be prepared to show your card (especially when you are first attending Adoration).
5. If the person at the door doesn't have an ID card, or if another adorer has called you to say they have a substitute for the evening and you are comfortable letting them in, you can make the decision to do so but if for any reason you are uncomfortable you must use your own discretion.
6. If someone becomes ill during their time of Adoration and needs medical attention call 911 and give EMS the church address indicating they should come to the side Eucharistic Chapel Door. Give them your name and cell number so they can contact you in case they cannot find the chapel.
Information needed: **St Brigid Catholic Church, 6907 Kitchener, San Antonio, TX 78240**. After you have initiated these procedures call the Head Coordinator (phone # in the book) and let them know what has occurred so they can keep Father and the Parish Administrators abreast of what is going on.
7. If something occurs that requires the Police (an accident or people of a suspicious nature around the church) call 911 and give them your contact information and the information listed in item #5. After calling 911 be sure to let your Head Coordinator know that something has occurred.
8. There is a door that has a push bar on it in the front left wall of the Day Chapel. If you are alone and have an **Emergency** that requires that you leave when the Chapel doors are locked, go out the Day Chapel door and around to your car. There are 2 lights on the back, outside wall of the Day Chapel, but it would be wise to keep a small flashlight with you for walking to your car at night.



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Adorer's List of Important Information

Hourly Captain-Name &Phone No: _____

Division Leader-Name &Phone No: _____

Day and Hour for Adoration: _____

Other Adorers committed to the same hour on your day (name/phone number):



Other Adorers committed to the same hour during the week (name/day/phone number):

Sunday: _____

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____

Friday: _____

Saturday: _____

