

Adoration Newsletter

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*“The bread that we break, is
it not a participation in the
body of Christ? Because there
is one bread, we who are
many are one body, for we all
partake of one bread.”*

-1 Corinthians 10:16-18

**Saint Clement
Eucharistic Shrine**



Reflection

It is not always true that people who make holy hours feel they accomplished everything necessary for the day. But arguably if they did feel this way, their feelings would be closer to objective reality. God can accomplish any of the “doing” in our day by any number of people and any number of means. But He will not accomplish, cannot by His own accomplish, us being with Him; this relies on us and on our own free will.

Being with Him is our purpose; it is our right, our joy, our cartwheeling conclusion. Bishop Francis Nguyen Van Thuan, who spent countless years in solitary confinement in communist Vietnam, wrote that while in confinement he prayed asking God why He called him to a life as a priest and then made it impossible for him to “do the work.”

God’s answer was: Did you commit to follow me or my work? And from then on, Nguyen was content and at peace in his tiny cell, waiting with God.

We are a people of presence and relationship. Even the Word is not just a symbol spoken or piece of writing: The Word is a person, a Being. Presence is our first marching order, and if we are sent on mission (which we are) our mission is not world peace, or perfect justice, or any number of excellent causes. Our mission is to receive His Presence, and let it overflow to our neighbors. We even have the ineffable gift of returning it to Him, in Adoration.

“The Lord your God will fight for you; you need only be still.” - Exodus 14:14

-C.J. Williams

FROM THE SAINTS:

St. Catherine of Siena



*“You have left Yourself wholly to us, as food,
so that we will not fall through weariness
during our pilgrimage in this life, but will be
fortified by You, celestial nourishment.”*

-St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) was born on March 25th in Siena, Italy. She lived a fascinating and full life of both contemplative prayer and service to the Church and the poor. She joined the Third Order of the Dominicans at age 18 and developed a following based on her mystical visions and writings. After a series of mystical encounters with Christ, she became radically committed to serving the poor and those afflicted by disease. She remained a prominent and influential figure in the Church until her death in 1380. She was canonized in 1461 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

**Read more about St.
Catherine's life and
relationship with Christ**



Prayer

Help me speak your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life be only a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I will begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine. It will be You, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you in the way you love best, by shining on those around me.

Let me preach to you without preaching, not by words but by example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of love my heart bears for you.

Amen.

-St. Teresa of Kolkata

(Inspired by St. John Henry Newman)

In the Media



In this short video, “The Eucharist (Aquinas 101)”, Fr. Dominic Langevin, O.P. walks through the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist provided by St. Thomas Aquinas. The explanation provides a deeper understanding of the mystery and gift of the Eucharist.



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