

Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Immaculate Conception Church
467 Delaware Ave, Kingston, NY 12401

Visiting Jesus

In this world I cannot see the most high Son of God with my own eyes, except for his most holy Body and Blood.

St. Francis of Assisi

June, 2023-Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Through the Eyes of Faith

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with desire to come into your heart." – St Therese of Lisieux

"If we really loved the good God, we would make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and we would regard those moments as the happiest of our lives." – St. John Vianney.

"God is as really present in the consecrated Host as He is in the glory of heaven." – St Paschal Baylon.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." – Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Lord God, if I truly appreciated the majestic humility of the Eucharist...it would change my life forever." – Mother Angelica



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<https://www.immaculateconceptionkingston.com/adoration-chapel-1>

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Peace and joy to all. This is a prayer of faith, and an invitation as well as a challenge to all faithful Catholics. Hopefully it will inspire you to more fully appreciate Jesus' gift of the Holy Eucharist and inspire a deeper understanding of the mystery of Jesus' institution of the Blessed Sacrament, that is, His Real Presence.

From a work by St. Thomas Aquinas:

"Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered His body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, He left His body as food and His blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift.

It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this Sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this Sacrament at the Last Supper. As He was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with His disciples, He left it as a perpetual memorial of His passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all His miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of His departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation."

The Catechism follows St Thomas:

1367 The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are *one single sacrifice*: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner... this sacrifice is truly propitiatory.

1379 As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD DISPLAYED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, KINGSTON NY

Immaculate Conception parish is now displaying 28 panels of the Carlo Acutis Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World.

I will be spotlighting one of these each month to whet your appetite to visit the exhibition and experience what Carlo Acutis, possibly the first millennial Saint, devoted his life to. It is there along with Jesus in the tabernacle for your meditation.

These Eucharistic Miracles have occurred all over the world. Carlo did this to increase devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As Catholics, we are unique in all religions in many ways one of which is devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that Jesus instituted at the Last Supper and was prefigured throughout the Bible. These miracles are God's manifestation of the true and awesome nature of the Eucharist.

The panels are best viewed beginning with the first panels at the front of the church to the left of the altar. Follow them toward the back of the church, then proceed from the back of the church on the right side of the church up to the front to the right side of the altar.

The second miracle: Rome, Italy 6th-7th centuries. (1 panel pictured below)

Eucharistic Miracle of
ROME
ITALY, SIXTH - SEVENTH CENTURIES

This Eucharistic miracle, whose relic is still preserved in the Benedictine Monastery of Anechs, Germany, is verified by numerous written sources. The authentication took place in Rome in 595 during a Eucharistic celebration presided by Pope St. Gregory the Great. At the moment of receiving Holy Communion, a Roman noblewoman began to laugh because she had doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the consecrated Bread and Wine. The Pope, troubled by her disbelief, decided not to give her Communion and then the Bread turned into Flesh and Blood.

Among the most important works in which this Eucharistic miracle that occurred in Rome in 595 is mentioned, is *Vita Beati Gregorii Papae* written by Deacon Paul in 787. It was customary in those times to have the Eucharistic bread prepared by the parishioners. Pope St. Gregory the Great was a direct eyewitness to this prodigy.

One Sunday, while celebrating the Sacred Mass in an ancient church dedicated to St. Peter, the Pope was distributing Communion and saw among the faithful in line, one of the women who had prepared the bread for the consecration and she was laughing out loud. Troubled, the Pope cornered her and asked her to explain her behavior. She justified herself by saying that she could not believe that the bread she made with her very own hands could become the Body and Blood of Christ during the consecration. St. Gregory denied her Communion and asked God to illuminate her. Having just finished praying, he saw that part of the bread prepared by the woman became Flesh and Blood. The woman repented, knelt on the ground and began to cry. To this day, part of the relic of the miracle is housed in Anechs, Germany, near the local Benedictine monastery.

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Immaculate Conception church will be open (handicapped entrance near rectory only) on

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays after 8 AM mass and Sundays until 7 PM to visit and and view these illuminating events that hopefully will enhance your faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

To learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, a nationwide movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States, please see the website: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

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