

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

July, 2023 - Month of the Precious Blood 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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Deacon Justin Moor wrote in a homily in 2018 the following:

Gandhi said: “I would like to believe what you Catholics believe about Jesus in the Eucharist. But I am unable to do so, because I don’t think you Catholics really believe what you say you believe; because if I really believed that my Lord and my God were truly present in the tabernacle as you say He is, I would crawl on my belly to church every day to worship and adore Him.”

While it’s strange for the one delivering this message to be a Hindu, I think Gandhi is reminding us that we need to become better Catholics. You see, the non-believing Gandhi’s in our lives need us to draw near to Jesus with more than just our words. The non-believing Gandhi’s in our lives need us to honor Jesus with more than just our lips alone. The non-believing Gandhi’s in our lives need our hearts to draw closer to Jesus. The non-believing Gandhi’s in our lives need our reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist to be more than just routine observance. Their eternal life may just depend on us doing so. Because becoming a better Catholic and living what we believe is not just about each of us and our own salvation. Becoming a better Catholic and living what we believe is also about that person like Gandhi we encounter who is waiting on us to live what we believe before they also come to believe in Jesus.

As Catholics, we believe not only that the Son of God became man to save us from our sins, but that He remains with us, always, in the Eucharist.

We believe that Our Lord is really present in the substance of His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus wants each of us to believe in Him and to receive His Body and Blood.

I’m reading “How the Eucharist Can Save Civilization” by Dr. Jared Staudt who writes: “Despite efforts of renewal, Mass attendance plummeted from roughly 75 percent in the early 1960s to a little less than 40 percent today, accompanied by a clear breakdown in catechesis. Many Catholics do not understand or believe in Jesus’s presence in the Eucharist, as shown by a Pew survey in 2019 that reported that “nearly seven-in-ten Catholics (69%) say they personally believe that during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine used in Communion ‘are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.’ Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) say they believe that ‘during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus.’”

This lack of belief points to a spiritual sickness within the Church and to the great need for a renewal of both faith and culture so that we can return the Eucharist to its central place in the Christian life. Disbelief in the Real Presence is a clear indication of how we worship: we do not act like Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. We often do not observe a sacred silence in Church and can treat the Eucharist like an ordinary piece of bread. Catholics must recover a sense of the sacred, approaching God’s presence with reverence and awe, and, through a stronger faith, allowing Jesus’s presence to enter into and transform their lives.”

More to come as the Month of the Precious Blood and the Eucharistic Revival are here!

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 in the main church.

I will be spotlighting one of these each month to help you 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 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 third miracle presented: Krakow, Poland. (1 panel pictured below)

Eucharistic Miracle of
KRAKOW
POLAND, 1345

The Eucharistic miracle of Krakow relates to consecrated Hosts that emitted an unusual bright light when they were hidden by thieves in a muddy marsh. The thieves had stolen a monstrance containing consecrated Hosts from a church in the village of Wawel (outside of modern-day Krakow). They ultimately abandoned the monstrance and Hosts in a marsh outside of the village, where the miracle took place. The Church of Corpus Christi in Krakow, Poland contains paintings depicting the miracle as well as documents and depositions relating to the matter.

In the year 1345, King Casimir III the Great of Poland gave orders to build a church named Corpus Christi in honor of the Eucharistic miracle that was verified that same year. It had taken place in the village of Wawel, near Krakow. Some thieves broke into a little church (The Collegiate Church of All Saints), which was a short distance from Krakow. They forced their way into the tabernacle and stole the monstrance, which contained consecrated Hosts. *They got away,* but when they figured out that the monstrance was not made of real gold, they threw it (including the Hosts) into the muddy marshland that was prevalent in the area. Priests from the church began a search, but they did not hold out much hope. When darkness fell, however, a mysterious light emanated from the spot where the treasure had been abandoned. Bright flashes of light were visible for several kilometers. Frightened villagers approached the area and reported back to the Bishop of Krakow. The bishop called for three days of fasting and prayer. On the third day, he led a procession out to the marsh. There, they found the monstrance, and within it they found the Hosts, which were unbroken and were the source of the unusual light. The people began to pray and to celebrate the miracle. Annually on the occasion of the feast of Corpus Christi, the miracle is celebrated in the church of Corpus Christi in Krakow.

A representation of the procession of the bishop back into the city after finding the Hosts of the miracle in the marsh.

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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.

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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