

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

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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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I'm reading "With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life" by Henri J.M. Nouwen "Every day I celebrate the Eucharist. Still I wonder: Do I know what I am doing? Do those who stand or sit around the table with me know what they are part of? Does something really happen that shapes our daily lives—even though it is so familiar? And what about all those who are not there with us? Is the Eucharist still something they know about, think about, or desire? How is this daily celebration connected with the daily life of ordinary men and women, be they present or not? Is it more than a lovely ceremony, a soothing ritual, or a comfortable routine? And finally, does the Eucharist give life, life that has the power of overcoming death? This little book is an attempt to speak to myself and to my friends about the Eucharist and to weave a network of connections between the daily celebration of the Eucharist and our daily human experience. We enter every celebration with a contrite heart and pray the Kyrie Eleison. We listen to the Word—the scriptural readings and the homily—we profess our faith, we give to God the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands and receive from God the body and blood of Jesus, and finally we are sent into the world with the task of renewing the face of the earth.

The Eucharistic event reveals the deepest human experiences, those of sadness, attentiveness, invitation, intimacy, and engagement. It summarizes the life we are called to live in the Name of God. Only when we recognize the rich network of connections between the Eucharist and our life in the world can the Eucharist be “worldly” and our life “Eucharistic.” As the basis for my reflections on the Eucharist and the Eucharistic life, I will use the story of the two disciples who walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus and back. As the story speaks about loss, presence, invitation, communion, and mission it embraces the five main aspects of the Eucharistic celebration. Together they form a movement, the movement from resentment to gratitude, that is, from a hardened heart to a grateful heart. While the Eucharist expresses this spiritual movement in a very succinct way, the Eucharistic life is one in which we are invited to experience and affirm this movement in every moment of our daily existence. In this little book I hope to develop the five steps of this movement from resentment to gratitude in such a way that it becomes clear that what we celebrate and what we are called to live are essentially one and the same.”

More to come as the Eucharistic Revival is here!

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

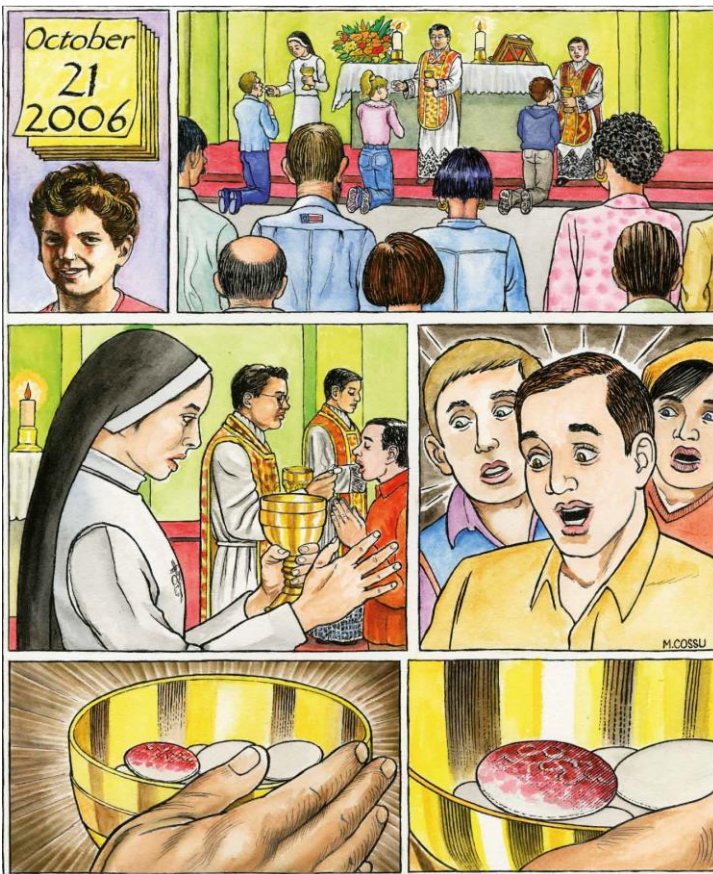
Immaculate Conception parish is now displaying 28 panels of the Carlo Acutis Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World in the main church.

I will be spotlighting one of these each month to help you experience what Bl. Carlo Acutis, potentially 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 next miracle presented: Tixla, Mexico. (Panel 1 of 2 pictured below)



On October 12, 2013, H.E. Most Rev. Alejo Zavala Castro, Bishop of the Diocese of Chilpancingo-Chilapa, announced through a Pastoral Letter the recognition of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred at Tixtla, on October 21, 2006. In the letter we read:

“This manifestation brings to us a marvelous sign of the love of God that confirms the Real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist... In my role as Bishop of the Diocese I recognize the supernatural character of the series of events relating to the Bleeding Host of Tixtla... I declare the case as a “Divine Sign ...”. In October 21, 2006, the effusion of a reddish substance was noted from a consecrated Host during the Eucharistic Celebration at Tixtla, in the Diocese of Chilpancingo-Chilapa. The Bishop of the place, Most Reverend Alejo Zavala Castro, then convened a Theological Commission of investigation and, in October 2009, he invited Doctor Ricardo Castañón Gómez, to take on the leadership of the program of scientific research whose purpose was in fact that of verifying the said event. The Mexican Ecclesiastical authorities turned to Doctor Castañón Gómez because they were aware that, in the years 1999-2006, the scientist had conducted some studies on two consecrated

Hosts that also bled in the Parish of Saint Mary, in Buenos Aires. The Mexican case starts in October 2006, when Father Leopoldo Roque, pastor of the Parish of Saint Martin of Tours, invites Father Raymundo Reyna Esteban to lead a spiritual retreat for his parishioners. As Father Leopoldo and another priest were distributing Communion, assisted by a religious sister who was to the left of Father Raymundo, this latter one turns towards him with the “pix” containing the Sacred Particles, looking at Father with eyes filled with tears, an incident that immediately attracted the attention of the celebrant: the Host that she had taken to give Communion to a lady parishioner had begun to effuse a reddish substance.

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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