

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 10:00am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday 7:30am & 9:00am

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm
or by appointment

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am

Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

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Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time: The Words of Eternal Life

They left him in droves. Five thousand had been fed by Him. How many hundreds or even thousands crossed the Sea of Galilee to see Him again, and to receive more bread? But when they heard Jesus speak about His flesh as real food, when they heard Him say that they had to eat His flesh and drink His blood, they left. This teaching was too hard for them to accept.

Jesus was not about to tone down the teaching. He was not about to make it more palatable. The teaching had to be accepted by those who wished to follow Him. So, many of them left.

“Are you going too?” the Lord asked.

Peter replied in a great confession of faith, “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

People have always been tempted to compromise on the hard truths of the faith. Some have turned Jesus into a great man, but not divine. Others have said that He was divine, but did not really exist as a man, He just appeared that way. The truth of the Incarnation, of Jesus being both human and divine was too hard for them to accept, so they compromised and said he was one or the other, but not both.

They wanted to do the same thing regarding the teaching on the Bread of Life. They wanted to call it symbolic, but not real. They ignored Jesus’ teaching. Or they left Him. In droves.

Faith demands continual decisions to take steps beyond our minds’ ability into the vast richness of Divine revelation. Faith demands the humility to accept that we cannot understand all that is revealed. Faith demands that we set our minds free from the shackles of physical knowledge and take leaps into the wisdom of God. Faith means opening ourselves up to eternal life.

To whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life.

It is sad that throughout history many people have rejected the One who has the words of eternal life and have instead given themselves over to a blind following of those who can offer them no more than a political view of life. Demagogues appear everywhere and at every time. Many people are willing to drink the Kool Aide of multiple Jonestowns and destroy themselves to follow someone who cannot give them anything more than a sense of being a part of an idolizing crowd. So they said, “Hail Caesar,” and sacrificed the Roman Republic.

This change may be beneficial for a time, but it does not last. The change will not have an eternal effect upon those who follow them.

Only Jesus Christ has the words of eternal life

We are called to stand apart from those elements of society that ignores, or even worse, rejects the Words of Eternal life. We are call to reject those who make noises as though they are the enlightened majority. They are neither, neither enlightened nor a majority. The so-called intelligentsia who see good in every evil, in every perversity, are foolish. They have demanded a society where all morality is subjected to the glorification of the individual. Their only morality is relativism. They admit to no restrictions regarding right or wrong. Everything depends on the person's desires. "That which is right for one person can certainly be wrong for another," they would assert. For them there are no values such as fidelity, honesty, and basic respect. Everything is relative. As a result they really cannot have a society. The enlightened intellectuals of this ilk are basically foolish.

And they ask us to join them. Worse, they demand that we join them. The choice is clear for us. Do we go along with what supposedly everyone is saying is now acceptable, or at least now acceptable for us, or do we choose the way of the Lord? Like Joshua in today’s first reading, we have to hold on tight and declare, "As for me and my family, we will follow the Lord."

It takes tremendous strength to withstand the pressures around us. Where are we to get this strength? “Our strength is in the Lord who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2. God gave us the Eucharist, the very Body and Blood of His Son. In the Eucharist, Jesus gives us the power to withstand the onslaught of the world. We pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” And He does. He gives us the strength we need. He gives us the Bread of Life.

The Eucharist gives us the strength to be authentic, true, real Christians, authentic, true, real Catholics. It is Jesus Christ who is calling us to a living, a vital faith. If we refuse to follow Him, where exactly can we go? Whom can we follow? Who else has the words of eternal life? We are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God. We have no choice. Eternal Life can only be found in Him.

The conclusion of John 6 is far more than a call to believe in the Eucharist. It is this, but it is more. It is a call to trust in the Lord. It is a call to dare to be different from those who have left him and who give lip service to their Christianity. We are called to be different. We are called to be holy, for, after all,

WEEKLY READINGS

Sun Aug 25	Jos 24:1-2,15-17,18 / Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2,25-32 / Jn 6:60-69
Mon Aug 26	2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12/ Mt 23:13-22
Tue Aug 27	2 Thes 2:1-3,14-17/ Mt 23:23-26
Wed Aug 28	2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/ Mt 23:27-32
Thu Aug 29	1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mk 6:17-29
Fri Aug 30	1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13
Sat Aug 31	1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25:14-30

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Atiba Wright , Veronica Gardin , Jarrel & Darryl Pope , Nicole Johnson , Khalfani Sullivan , Jonthan Bain , Shanea Francis , Jarid Lalanne ,
We pray to the Lord

TODAY'S MASS : We pray to the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLES : For the month of August is donated by the Haynes family


WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Lee , Mr. & Mrs. William Lozado, Mr. & Mrs. Orlando Holas
We pray to the Lord.

PARISH PRAYER: For our parish, that the three communities of St. Matthew, St. Gregory the Great and Our Lady of Charity, learn how to merge and grow together spiritually and become financially sound as three and yet one, **We pray to the Lord.**

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24th	11:30 AM Memorial Mass for Bishop Guy Sansaricq, R.I.P., Requested by The Haitian Apostolate & 5 PM Vigil Mass for Alford Corriette, R.I.P., Requested by The Fontenelle Family
Sunday, August 25th	10 AM Mass for Marsha Milburn, R.I.P., Requested by sister Theresa Milburn
Saturday, August 31st	5 PM Vigil Mass for Jason Hutchings, Jr. & Cheron McLean, Birthday Blessings, Requested by Janice Boyce-Hutchings

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 24	8:00pm – Birthday blessings for Kathleen & Elton Lendore by Theresa Lendore
Sunday August 25	7:30am – Birthday blessings for Kathlyn, Anthony & Albery by Floe & family 9:30am – Birthday blessings in heaven Francisco Sanchez by the Sanchez family  11:30am –92nd birthday blessings Stephanie Seales by children & grandchildren 1:30pm –Blessings for Jaydem Amilcar by Armelle Amilcar
Monday August 26	7:30am – Thanksgiving for my family by Gertrude Agbasonu 9:00am – Birthday blessings Tony Hinds by family
Tuesday August 27	7:30am – I.L.M. of Arlette Ford-Seaton by Yvette Trim 9:00am – R.I.P & I.L.M. of Helena Charles by Ancil Charles
Wednesday August 28	7:30am – I.L.M. of Beryl & Vilna St. Louis by Tamarah St. Louis Smart 9:00am – Blessings for Maria Alleyne Bourne & Lynette Bourne by Tamarah St. Louis Smart
Thursday August 29	7:30am – Birthday blessings Donica Dielingen by Angela Dielingen 9:00am – Blessings & thanksgiving for Ferrer West, may God touch her heart by Ancil Charles
Friday August 30	7:30am – For those who are in need of food, shelter, clothing & health care 9:00am – Repose of the soul of Francine & Rollin Paul by Rudy Almonor
Saturday	8:00am – I.L.M. of Lincoln Barnum &

CANDLE AUGUST 25-31



For those who are in need of food, shelter, clothing & health care

BREAD & WINE FOR AUGUST



In loving memory of Pascual Rodriguez requested by the Dorsinville family

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Hillary Amarosa, Loraine Quash– Antoine, Marie Augustin, Al Barnett, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Jahonah Brown, Recy Brown, Isabella Bugett, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Eslyn Canning, Diana Codogan, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden, Cecilia Clovie, Mahalia Clunis, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Golda Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Marcella DeSandies, Joseph Drew, Stephen Duncan, Dorothy Edwards, Una Europe, Stella Emmanuel, Elardo Flemmings, Carrie Frasier, Sherwin Fung, John Gale, Ryan Gee, Sybil Geoffroy, Catherine & Deacon Roy George, Bernadette Gilbert, Muriel Gomez, Trina Gonzalez, Kellon Hagley, Kelly Hagley, Gwendolyn Harding, Pat Harris, Bruno Henry, Beverly Hillyer, Pierre & Elreta Hinds, Florence Holder, Danielle Huie, Janice & Orson Hutchings, Kerlyne Hyppolite, Anasha Inniss, Carlyn Jabouin, Donna James, Nellie James, Roberta Jennings, Alsie Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Magdalena Joseph, Ian Kellman, Lucy King, Albert Kirton, Tai Lambert, Kanelle Lang, Rhoda Lewis, Sampson Lewis, Marjorie Lopez, Luis Manuel Lorenzo, Madelin Lorenzo, Vivian Boykin Lott, Norberto Lovell, Jean Lubin, Gloria Lynch, Hubert Lynch, Mamita, Barbara Manuel, Judith Matthew, Wilma Maynard, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Daniel David Mendez, Marcelina Morales, Grant Nelson Jr., Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanna Neil, Ronald Nethersole, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Olf, Keena Ollivierre, Margaret Otumba, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Sharonie Perry, Andre Perry, Chung Peters, Mary James Peterson, Marie Pierre, Melody Pink, Sonia Prescott, Ann Primo, Val Quash, Len Quash, Dorothy Irons Reid, Catherine Richards, Elizabeth Rivera, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Fr. Robert Seay, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, Robert Smith, Lisa Scott Spencer, Delores Sykes, Kevin Maynard, Basil Suarez, Antonio Sultan, Brenda & Javier Talango, Angela & Edris Thomas, Jean Thornhill, Allison Thorpe, Lyonette Tribie, Janet Throne, Malik Wellington, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Leandro Wilson, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, Vilma Zuniga

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR : Yvonne Lacy Dean Jackson, Wendy Ro-main, Vaughn Haynes, Georgeann Campbell, Danielle Huie, Cotilda Charles, Anthony Hepburn Jr., Lawrence Latimer & family, La Mar Mc Nabb, Lisa Colone, Christine Hudson & family, Conrad Lord, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Sabrina Guess, Daphne & Golda Critchlow, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, Kato Pollydore, Judith Prosper, Lisa Scott/ Spencer, Carla Martin, Marge Holas, Hermelene Thomas, Althea Gordon, Maureen Walter, Khalilah Saleem, Quarless family, all families represented here today,

All students, teachers and principals, President Joseph Biden & his family, Vice President Kamala Harris & her family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our prayer basket, for the all Priest especially those who serve here at Charity, Religious Vocations, and an increase in Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our country, the elders, all who are incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers, for immigrants, a successful solution to the pandemic, the mentally sick, the unemployed and under

WEEKLY MEETINGS - St. Matthew

St. Matthew weekly meetings have commenced. Please contact your ministry to find out the time and date of the meetings.

WEEK OF SUNDAY 08/25/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

+ 9:30 AM Sunday school CLOSED -Will resume in October

+ 10 AM Mass – (Live Stream)

+ CREDIT UNION-OPEN

MONDAY 08/26/24

+ 7:30 PM Rehearsal-Church

FRIDAY 08/30/24

**+ 7:30 PM Bible Study-meets Via Zoom
(Studying the Book of Exodus)**

SATURDAY 08/31/24

+ 4 PM Confession

+ 4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals

+ 5 PM Vigil Mass-Church

+ 8 PM Light Fest Prayer Group – Via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09)

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COLLECTION 08/17- 08/18/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
8:00 PM	41	1,414.00	96.00	1,510.00
7:30 AM	56	2,283.00	226.50	2,509.50
9:30 AM	39	650.00	411.50	1,061.50
11:30 AM	27	679.00	589.90	1,268.90
1:30 PM	40	698.00	112.00	810.00
L.I.R.	23	953.00	—	953.00
Total	226	6,677.00	1,435.90	8,112.90

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	21	1,005.00	100.00	1,105.00
10:00AM	19	717.00	152.00	869.00
Total	40	1,722.00	252.00	1,974.00

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	24	1,610.00	—	1,610.00
Total	24	1,610.00	—	1,610.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$1,000.00 collected
August 1 to August 13, 2024

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY,
GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD, MERCI POUR VO-**

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

**WILL BE FOUND AS AN INSERT IN THE
BULLETIN**

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

ALL ARE INVITED to join St. Gregory the Great BIBLE STUDY meets on zoom every Friday from 7:30PM to 8:30PM with Catherine Abdullah Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Bible Study is beginning the Book of Exodus

(A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.)

Link for Bible Study <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFmVzRUSDJodllWSDArUT09>

. Dial 929-205-6099 using meeting ID 782362442148 and pass code 424370. (Please contact any member for information on book currently being read.) (ALL ARE WELCOME!)

(SEE CHANGE) LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP Meets In Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every "SECOND SATURDAY" of the month in the Rector's dining room. The remaining Saturdays of the month, Light Fest Prayer Group meets on zoom in the Light Fest Reading Room

UPCOMING MTGS. & EVENTS @ ST. GREGORY

from 8PM to 9PM.

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education

Sunday school Closed. Will resume October, 2024

Parents we encourage the children to attend Mass on Saturdays or Sundays during the break, unless they are traveling.

St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church Worship Site of St. Matthew Parish BUILDING REPAIR RAFFLE. Drawing September 8th, 2024 on The Feast of Saint Gregory the Great after the 11:30AM Mass. Donation: \$25.00 – Checks payable to St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church. ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD. PLEASE RETURN TICKET STUB with necessary information requested along with MONEY by August 19th, 2024. If you decide that you would support our efforts in another way, you may send a contribution to St. Gregory the Great Church with memo "Building Fund".

Thank you for your continued support.

Grand Prize: \$1,000.00;

1st Prize: \$300 and 2nd Prize: \$100.00

ST. GREGORY'S USHER BOARD ANNUAL BUS OUTING

Atlantic City Resort's Casino on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 Bus leaving at 7 AM from St. Gregory's Church. COST: \$60, play and earn \$10 in slot play.

Heritage Committee of St. Gregory the Great Luncheon on October 19th, 2024 at St. Teresa of Avila Church located at 555 Sterling Place (Franklin & Classon Aves.) Time: 12pm to 5pm Tickets Adults: \$40 and Kids: \$20. **There will be music by DJ Page, our very own Ms. Nicole Davis and the Internationally Renowned Opera and Concert Singer,**

Mr. Everett Suttle

Our regular Sunday Mass schedule resumes on Sunday,

September 1st at 11:30 AM

Rector's office CLOSED on Monday, September 2nd, 2024 due to

Labor Day Holiday

EL CRISTO NEGRO MASS Sunday, October 20th, 2024 at 11:30 AM. *****

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All are welcome! Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months. Please register in the rectory.

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Full Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____

RCIA

RCIA stands for RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS and is composed of a series of sessions bringing people together to experience the prayer life of the church as well as learn about its doctrines and teachings. Using the readings from the Bible which we hear daily at Mass, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teens and adults who have not yet done so prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

C'est la préparation de Ceux qui ne sont pas catholiques mais qui veulent le devenir. RCIA prépare ces personnes à recevoir le sacrement de baptême.

Es el proceso para preparar los no católicos que están interesados en pasa a ser miembros de la iglesia católica. También prepara católicos para completar el sacramento de la iniciación.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIACION

- ◆ Saturday 7:30PM-8:00PM or anytime by appointment in the Rectory.
- ◆ Samedi 7:30PM-8:00PM ou du moins appelez du presbytère pour un rendez-vous.
- ◆ Sábados de 7:30PM-8:00PM o cualquier otra hora por cita.

MARRIAGE/MARIAGE/MATRIMONIOS

*Arrangements must be made AT LEAST six (6) months in advance

*Contacter le presbytère au moins (6) l'avance.

*Arreglos deben ser hechos por lo menos seis (6) meses por adelante.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/LES MALADES/LOS ENFERMOS

- * Sick & Homebound can receive the sacrament of anointing from a priest and receive Holy Communion on a regular basis from our Ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact the Rectory
- * Ceux qui sont très malades et ne peuvent pas sortir de leur maison peuvent recevoir le sacrement d'extrême onction d'un prêtre de la paroisse, la sainte communion d'un ministre de l'eucharistie appelle au presbytère pour un rendez-vous.
- * Puede recibir el Sacramento de los enfermos por un sacerdote. En tiempos regulares puede recibir Sagrada Comunión de uno de nuestro ministros de la Comunión Favor notificar la rectoría.

BAPTISM/BAPTEME/BAUTISMO

- ◆ Registration and preparation in our baptismal class is required. Please contact the Rectory for date and time of our next class.
- ◆ Tous ceux ou celles qui voudraient recevoir le baptême doivent se faire enregistrer au presbytère pour prendre part aux cours avant la réception de ce sacrement. Pour plus d'information, composez le 718-774-6747
- ◆ Registracion y participación en nuestras clases bautis-

GIFT SHOP

Located @ the back of the Church, selling an array of religious articles including rosaries, open on weekends before & after Mass.

VOCATIONS

"I will raise him up on the last day" If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



vocations@diobrook.org

Adoration in the Church on

Wednesdays and Fridays after 9:00

am Mass until 12:00 noon and

First Fridays from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth "Let us be generous with our time in going to

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 1st - We will have our regular

Mass Schedule: 7:30—ENGLISH

9:30—SPANISH

11:30—ENGLISH

1:30—KREYOL

Monday September 2nd - Labor Day— One Mass @ 9 A.M. followed by procession onto the parkway. If you are going onto the parkway with us you must purchase a Diocesan T-shirt from the rectory. The cost of the T-shirt is \$10.

+ First Friday, September 6th - Exposition after the 9 A. M. Mass to Noon & 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

+ Friday September 13th - Exposition, Praise & Worship from 7 P.M. to Midnight

+ Friday, September 13th - We will start reciting the 1,000 Hail Mary's after the 7:30 A.M. Mass. There will be Exposition & Reposition after the 9 A.M. Mass after which we will continue praying the 1000 Hail Mary's .

+ REVIVAL—Tuesday, September 17th—Thursday, September 19th

WHAT IS CONSECRATION?

For 25 years between 1993 and 2018, I traveled hundreds of days each year visiting parishes and speaking at conferences around the world. During that time I visited more than 3,000 Catholic parishes in the United States.

From my earliest days on the road, I recognized a pattern, a phenomenon, an observable fact ,that demonstrated new life could be breathed into parishes and explained how it was happening. That phenomenon was Perpetual Adoration chapels. It wasn't just an idea. It was living and breathing . It had been implemented in lots of communities and was bearing abundant fruit.

There is something powerful about giving people a quiet place to spend time with God. These peaceful places of refuge from the busyness of life and noise of the world were a soothing balm for parishioners' souls. They provided a place to reestablish priorities. It was somewhere to focus on what matters most in a world driven mad with distractions. A place simply to be with Jesus.

Those parishes that were most positively impacted by an Adoration Chapel were those that had an active ministry surrounding it. Those standout parishes were dedicated to inviting and encouraging new people to participate every month. They tried to get everyone in the parish involved in some way. rather than having the same few people who do everything in the parish sign up for the time slots and then putting it on autopilot.

I have seen so many lives transformed by Perpetual Adoration Chapels. Those people then engage their marriage, family, work, and parish on a whole new level as a result, continuing the ripple effect of Christ's presence in the world.

We shouldn't be surprised . It shouldn't be a grand revelation. It should be obvious. *Give people the chance to spend time in the presence of Jesus and their lives will be changed.*

It's simple. It's beautiful. And it works. *Give people the chance to spend time in the presence of Jesus and their lives will be changed.*

Many people encounter Jesus for the first time in their lives in Adoration. This is where they have their first deeply personal experience of Jesus. They may have heard about Jesus their whole lives, they may have been receiving Jesus in the Eucharist every Sunday, but there is something about the experience of Jesus in Adoration that leads people to know Him. This shift from knowing about Jesus to knowing Jesus changes everything.

And once they are awakened in this way, the Holy Spirit leads them to live their faith and participate in all types of ministry. This is where we begin to see the differences between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics. The more disengaged a Catholic is, the more they treat the faith like a consumer. More engaged Catholics take on the heart and mind of a disciple ,constantly looking for ways to share the joy they have found with everyone who crosses their path in life.