

FAITH AND THE JUBILEE YEAR

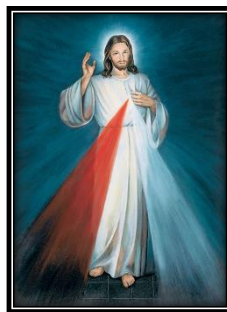
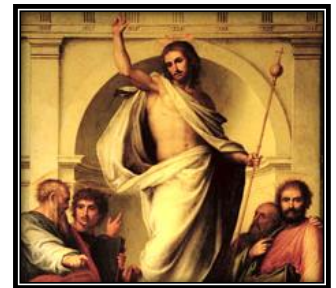
✠ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ✠

Pope Francis, the Pastor of the Universal Church, has asked that the upcoming *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016) “be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy.” With those intentions in mind, I am happy to announce that during the Jubilee, in addition to our regular Mass-schedule, **the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the Month (First Sunday Works of Mercy) at 5:00 P.M.** Furthermore, the opportunity to confess sins with a contrite heart and a firm purpose of amendment will not only be available every Saturday from 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. and by appointment as it currently is, but **an additional hour of mercy will be offered for Confession every Friday from 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.** It is my hope that many will *come home* for these Sacraments and in the words of Pope Francis: “obtain the true and generous forgiveness of the Father Who renews all with His Presence.”



The *Real Presence* of God we know as Catholics, *remains with us always, even until the end of the age* (cf. Saint Matthew XXVIII:20). That is why during the Holy Season of Lent, on Holy Thursday, members of various groups associated with Our Holy Redeemer, after celebrating *the Mass of the Lord's Supper*, spend one hour with Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament until He is “taken away” from us at Midnight. That hour is what He looked for from Saints Peter, John, and James when after the Last Supper, He took them into the Garden of Gethsemane. It is an hour that invites us to *watch and pray* (cf. Saint Luke XXII).

As the Pastor of this local church in Freeport, I am asking you to **please make a commitment to “spend one hour with Him”** outside of Mass every week by coming to our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. “Your commitment to your Perpetual Adoration Chapel” (wrote Bishop Murphy on 6 January 2003 in commemoration of our Parish’s one hundredth anniversary) “is a testimony to the belief that all your activities as a parish flow from your life of prayer.” So it was in 2003; so it is now in 2015; and so it will be during the upcoming Jubilee Year (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016) and beyond!



Please use today’s bulletin to select “a day of the week” and “a time of the day” when you can *come home* to “watch and pray” with Our Holy Redeemer in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. It is my hope to have at least three people watching and praying **every hour of the day; every day of the week, throughout the Holy Year** (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016). With your one hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and our additional hours of Confessional Mercy and Holy Mass, together we will help – in the words of Pope Francis – “enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God ... a living experience of the closeness of the Father ... a genuine experience of God’s mercy.”

In Union with Mary, Our Mother of Mercy,

Father Arcoleo

MY TIME WITH HIM IN THE PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Yes, I will “spend one hour with Him” in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. I have indicated below when I commit myself to “watch and pray”.

PLEASE CIRCLE A DAY OF THE WEEK

Sunday ✕ Monday ✕ Tuesday ✕ Wednesday ✕ Thursday ✕ Friday ✕ Saturday

PLEASE CIRCLE A TIME OF THE DAY

12:00 Midnight – 1:00 A.M.

1:00 A.M. – 2:00 A.M.

2:00 A.M. – 3:00 A.M.

3:00 A.M. – 4:00 A.M.

4:00 A.M. – 5:00 A.M.

5:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

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11:00 P.M. – 12:00 Midnight



NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____