

A NIGHT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come Away With Me

March 24th @ 6:45pm

6:45 Praise & Worship

7:00 Adoration

8:00 Benediction

St. Christopher Parish



The alarm rings at 4:00am. I am awake, but slow to rise. Thank God for the preset coffee pot; I know that within minutes my mind will be engaged and ready to go. It's time to dive into His Word, the Word that gives life, the Word that gives meaning, the Word that encapsulates me to draw ever deeper. His Word is spiritual food, giving me sustenance, bringing me ever closer to Him.

It's 5:30am; the second alarm calls me. It's time to break and get ready for the day. What will this day bring? Help me Lord, to keep focus and do Your will no matter what is thrown my way. As days go, I always make a plan, but know that God's plan is imminent. A good friend once told me, "When I make plans, God laughs." So wise and true is that simple statement. So I pray, "Let Your will be done, and help me to do it well."

Today I will be blessed to be able to attend Mass. Being present at the Holy Sacrifice at the altar feeds my soul. I am drawn into His Presence through His Word and made one with Him in His Most Holy Body and Blood, the Eucharist. All is well. He is in me; He is food for the journey, as I will continue in His work.

The work of the lay apostolate does not stop; it is constant. From work, to home life, to encounters at the grocery, the Holy Spirit guides me to live as I am called, to be a living witness and to bring others to the glory of His Kingdom. In it, Christ is always present, most especially in the gift of the Eucharist. I am blessed whenever I can go to Mass and receive Him. I am blessed whenever I can pray before Him in the tabernacle. I am blessed even when I pass by the chapel and acknowledge His presence, always there, always with His people.

As the day ends, I am tired. I thank God for sleep and the gifts of the day as I acknowledge that this was just one day of many in my work as a lay apostolate and on my journey home. With the grace of the Father and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, He, who is One: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will lead me to Himself. He, who is the Summit of all life, waits to welcome me to the great eschatological banquet in heaven.