

Eucharistic Adoration

Guidance for Finding a Substitute When You Cannot be Present

Thank you for your commitment to keep watch with Our Lord in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. While in many ways this may seem like a private devotion, when we link our efforts to provide this unbroken chain of Adoration we can clearly see how this is a communal effort. Here are some recommended steps to take in order to maintain this chain when you cannot be present for your Adoration hour.

1. Last-minute emergencies will occasionally arise. In all other cases, please plan ahead so potential substitutes have enough time to adjust their schedules.
2. Inform your Adoration partner that you cannot be present on a certain date. If they confirm that they will be present then your hour will have minimal coverage. We will continue to recruit adorers to meet the goal of two adorers present for every hour.
 - a. Ensure you have accurate contact information for your Adoration partner.
 - b. Take a moment before or after Adoration to get to know one another and to encourage each other.
3. If you do not yet have a scheduled Adoration partner (or if they are also unavailable), then identify a substitute for your hour. Recommendations:
 - a. Begin by asking a friend or family member.
 - b. Contact the adorers who fill a similar time slot on other days of the week (plus or minus an hour) and offer to swap with them. They are more likely to be available at that time of day.
 - c. Ask one of the adorers scheduled before your hour to remain longer and/or ask an adorer scheduled after your hour to arrive earlier.
 - d. Contact one of the remaining adorers on the roster who is listed as an occasional substitute. Rosters have been distributed via email. Please contact the office for a paper copy if desired.
4. If you are unable to identify a substitute, then contact Ted Meany (ted@stthomascamas.org) or Dave Cacchione (dcacchione@comcast.net) who will attempt to assist. We need three more “captains” to make this effort more efficient (one for each six hour block of hours: midnight to 6am, 6am to noon, noon to 6pm, and 6pm to midnight); please contact Ted or Dave if you can help in this role. They will coordinate sending your request to the entire group of adorers to find a substitute.