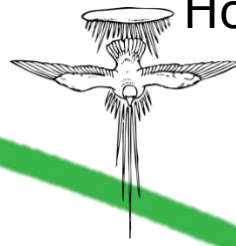
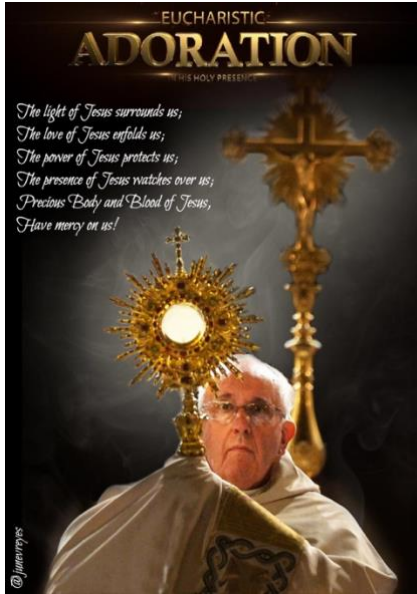


# Holy Spirit Parish Bray Park Adoration October 2020



Weekly - **Wednesday** from after 8am Mass till 9pm  
 Monthly - **First Friday** all night from Mass at 7.30pm  
 till mass at 8am Saturday  
**All Welcome**



## Rejoice in me always!

No matter what is going on, you can rejoice in your Love-relationship with Me. This is *the secret of being content in all circumstances*. So Many people dream of the day when they will finally be happy: when they are out o debt, when their children are out of trouble, when they have more leisure time, and so on. While they daydream, their moments are trickling into the ground like precious balm spilling wastefully from overturned bottles. Fantasizing about future happiness will never bring fulfillment, because fantasy is unreality. Even though I am invisible, I am far more Real than the world you see around you. My reality is eternal and unchanging. Bring your moments to Me, and I will fill them with vibrant Joy. *Now is the time to rejoice in My Presence. Philippians 4:4; Psalm 102:27*



*The ignorance of those who refuse to turn to God*

**So how should Catholic parents respond to the pagan celebration of Halloween because Halloween is in many ways the opposite of Catholic, it is no surprise that Halloween is ever-more popular, as society sinks ever-further from true Catholicism. Do not take part in Halloween! Instead, celebrate All Saints Day even more than before! If there are “trick or treaters” where you live, we suggest you hang a sign on your door on Halloween, which says:**

*Dear Neighbourhood Children:*

*Our family is Roman Catholic and so does not observe the pagan festival of Halloween. Therefore, we do not give out candy today.*

*However, tomorrow (November 1st) is the great Feast of All Saints and we would be very glad to see you then and give you candy, if you wish to come. Please come between 1pm and 8pm.*

*No costume is necessary. However, if you decide to dress up as a saint, we will gladly be even more generous with candy, to reward your efforts.*



The apostle Paul says that there are some who have no knowledge of God (1 Co 15:34). My opinion is that all those who lack knowledge of God are those who refuse to turn to him. I am certain that they refuse because they imagine this kindly disposed God to be harsh and severe, this merciful God to be callous and inflexible, this lovable God to be cruel and oppressive. So it is that wickedness plays false to itself, setting up for itself an image that does not represent God as he truly is.

What are you afraid of, you men of little faith? That he will not pardon your sins? But with his own hands he has nailed them to the cross. That you are used to soft living and your tastes are fastidious? But he knows the clay of which we are made (Gn 2:7). That a prolonged habit of sinning binds you like a chain? But the Lord loosens the shackles of prisoners. Or perhaps that angered by the enormity and frequency of your sins he is slow to extend a helping hand? But where sin abounded, grace became superabundant (Rom 5,20). Are you worried about clothing and food and other bodily necessities so that you hesitate to give up your possessions? But he knows that you need all these things (Mt 6,32). What more can you wish? What else is there to hold you back from the way of salvation? This is what I say: you do not know God, yet you will not believe our words. I should like you to believe those whom experience has taught. **Saint Bernard (1091-1153)**

*Cistercian monk and doctor of the Church Commentary on the Song of Songs, Sermon 38*



## The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary - October 7<sup>th</sup>

O Most Holy Virgin may the Rosary be my spiritual armour and my school of virtue.

### *Meditation*

1. Today's feast is a manifestation of gratitude for the great victories won by the Christian people through the power of Mary's Rosary; it is also the most beautiful and authoritative testimony of the value of prayer. ... The Rosary. If recited well, is both prayer and instruction; its mysteries tell us that in Mary's life everything is judged in relation to God; her joy and consolation found in all that gives pleasure to God; her sorrows are, so to speak the very sorrows of God, who being made man, willed to suffer for the sins of mankind. Mary's only joy is Jesus; to be His Mother, to clasp Him in her arms, to offer Him for the adoration of the world, to contemplate Him in the glory of the Resurrection, to be united to Him in Heaven. Mary's unique sorrow is the Passion of Jesus; to see Him betrayed, scourged, crowned with thorns, and crucified by our sins, this then is the first fruit which we must gather from the recitation of the Rosary; to judge all of the events of our life according to their relation to God, to rejoice in what gives Him pleasure, in what unites us to Him, to suffer for sin which separates us from Him and is the cause of the Passion and death of Jesus.

2. The second fruit that we should derive from the daily recitation of the Rosary is a penetration into Christ's mysteries; by Mary and with Mary, who opens the door to them for

us, the Rosary helps us penetrate the ineffable grandeurs of the Incarnation, Passion and glory of Jesus. ... If, during the recitation of the Rosary, we really know how to put ourselves in spiritual contact with Mary and to accompany her in the various stages of her life, we shall be able to perceive something of sentiments of her heart concerning these great mysteries which she witnessed, and in which she played such an important part; this in turn, will serve wonderfully to nourish an hour's meditation - we almost say contemplation - under Mary's guidance. This is what Mary desires, rather than many Rosaries recited with the lips, while the mind wanders in a thousand directions!

The Hail Mary continuously repeated, should express the attitude of the soul who is striving to approach the Blessed Virgin, hastening toward her in order to be captivated by her and given insight into the divine mysteries. 'Ave Maria!' the lips say, and the heart murmurs; 'Teach me, O Mary, to know and love Jesus as you knew and loved Him.'

Saying the Rosary in this way requires recollection. St Teresa of Jesus says that 'before beginning to recite the Rosary, let the soul think of whom it is going to address, and who it is that is speaking, that it may speak to Him with due respect.' (cf. Way, 22) The Saint, with her keen wit, laughs at people 'who are so fond of repeating a large number of vocal prayers in a great hurry, as though they were anxious to finish their task of repeating them daily.' (ibid., 31) rosaries recited in this way cannot really nourish the interior life; and will bring little fruit to the soul and little glory to Mary.

### *Colloquy*

O Mary, just as there is no saint who loves God more than you love Him, so we. Neither have, after God, anyone who loves us more than you, our most loving Mother. If it were possible to bring together the love of all mothers for their children, of all wives for their husbands, of all saints and angels for those who have devotion to them, it would not equal the love you have for one single soul, and therefore, for my soul too.

"O Mary, since you love me, make me resemble you. You have all power to change hearts; take my heart then and transform it. Make me a saint, make me your worthy child.' 'Let others ask for what they will: health, riches, worldly advantage; I come to ask you, O Mary for those things which you yourself desire for me and which are very dear to your heart. You, who were so humble, obtain for me humility and a love for contempt. You, so patient in the sorrows of life, obtain for me patience in adversity. You who were filled with love for God, obtain for me the gift of pure holy love. You were all charity toward your neighbour; obtain for charity toward those who are opposed to me.

O Mary, you who are the holiest of all creatures, make me holy. You lack neither love nor power; you can and you will obtain everything for me. Only my failure to have recourse to you and my want of confidence in your aid can prevent me from receiving your favours.' ( St Alphonsus) from *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

**Come Join us !**

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