

**Come and Behold Him ...**

**Born the King of Angels.**

“When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger...Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.” (Luke 2:15-20).

The shepherds must have been mystified by the difference between the awe of the angels’ message (a multitude of the heavenly host) and the humble setting which the Messiah chose for His arrival (as a new-born in a lowly manger with livestock). But after seeing Jesus, the shepherds leave the manger forever changed.

As this season of Advent comes to a close, we are reminded that God continues to call us like the shepherds to the manger to adore Him; this time in the humble form of the Eucharist. And like the shepherds, leave forever changed.

We pray that our Advent series on Eucharistic Adoration has helped to strengthen your relationship with Jesus and brought you closer to Him. Or, if you are joining us for the Christmas Masses, we welcome you and invite you to explore all the opportunities for faith formation and adoration here at St. Patrick’s.

Remember that Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity for us to pray to Jesus Christ before the Eucharist. We believe the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus are substantially present in the Eucharist, so we are praying to Jesus in a more intimate way. Our time with Jesus can be spent praying, journaling, or listening in silent meditation for His voice. Keep in mind, the most important part of Adoration is being there. Adoring Jesus and giving thanks for the tremendous sacrifice He made for us.

We invite you to come and spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration Monday - Thursday 6:30 - 7:40 AM and on Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:30 AM and 2:00 - 9:00 PM here at St. Patrick’s Parish.

And if you feel called and would like to volunteer for a dedicated holy hour each Wednesday or have any questions on Eucharistic Adoration, please contact the parish office to sign up or learn more... “Oh Come Let Us Adore Him.”

... Have you visited with Christ in the Eucharist this Christmas?