

Dear Adorers,

Your participation has made it possible for SMMA to offer adoration to the parish for the past 17 years – God will surely bless us all for our dedication to this parish ministry! It takes *a lot* of us to make this happen – we currently have about 250 adorers who take regularly scheduled hours or who sub for others!

We wanted to take a minute to remind you about **what to do when you can't cover your hour**. With some exceptions (see below – late night adorers, long absences, etc.), each regular adorer needs to take responsibility for finding his/her own sub. Administrators are happy to help with suggestions, and a sub list is available to the right of the chapel bulletin board as well as copies for you to take home. If your efforts fail to identify a sub, let us know, with as much notice as possible, and we will take over from there. Please read the guidelines below for the particulars about finding a sub and if you have any questions let us know.

The email sent out each week listing openings is meant to be for the permanent openings we have, long term absences, and the hard to fill late night hours. It is our hope that every adorer will at least look at the openings and, if possible, sign up for one of them. We know circumstances make it impossible for everyone to do this, but please consider if God is calling you to help out a little more with this wonderful ministry that brings so many blessings to our parish. We are in awe of the small group of very generous subs who come to the rescue each week! And we could use many more!

Thank you so much for your understanding and support! God bless,

The Adoration Chapel Committee

FROM THE LETTER GIVEN TO ALL NEW ADORERS:

What do I do if I can't be there for my hour? Everyone is asked to accept responsibility for their own hour (see special circumstances below) – this includes making a few simple attempts to find a sub when you cannot be there. Here are a few ideas that usually meet with great success:

- Get to know your “neighbor”! Ask the person before you to stay an extra half hour and the person after you to come a half hour early. And be willing to reciprocate when you are asked to sub!
- Trade hours with someone who has the same hour as you, but on a different day of the week.
- If you are on a rotation hour contact someone else on the rotation and ask to switch with them.
- Contact someone on the SUB LIST which is posted on the board and copies are also available to take home. These people have agreed to be Substitute Adorers and are usually ready, willing, and able to sub when called. (continued on other side)

If you have trouble finding a substitute, please contact us and we will gladly help.

And finally, if someone calls you to sub for them, please be open to the possibility!

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Midnight to 6am Adorers: First of all, THANK YOU for being a regular late hour adorer!! As you know these are the toughest hours to fill! If you know of someone or can even “recruit” someone who will agree to regularly sub for you that would be great. You can try some of the ideas above, but if you don’t meet with early success please let us know and we will take it from there – the more notice the better!

Long Term Absences (illness, vacations in excess of 4 weeks, snowbirds, family needs, etc.): please contact us and together we can strategize about coverage.