

Feast Day of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
May 13



Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Trad)
From the Book of Heaven

V21 - 4.16.27 - "Now, when I Instituted the Most Holy Sacrament, I Looked for this creature, and My Queen Mama Offered Herself to Receive this Act of Mine and the Deposit of this Great Gift, saying to Me: 'My Son, just as I Offered You My Womb and My Whole Being in Your Conception, to Keep You Safe and Defended, I Now Offer You My Maternal Heart in Order to Receive this Great Deposit, and I Line Up, Around Your Sacramental Life, My Affections, My Heartbeats, My Love, My Thoughts - All of Myself, to Keep You Defended, Surrounded by Cortège, Loved, Protected. I Myself Take On the Commitment to Repay You for the Great Gift You are Giving. Trust Your Mama, and I will Take care of the Defense of Your Sacramental Life. And since You Yourself have Constituted Me Queen of All Creation, I have the Right to Line Up Around You All the Light of the sun as Homage and Adoration, the stars, the heavens, the sea, all the inhabitants of the air - I Place Everything Around You, to

Give You Love and Glory.' Now, Ensuring a Place for Myself in which to Put this Great Deposit of My Sacramental Life, and Trusting My Mama, who had Given Me All the Proofs of Her Faithfulness, I Instituted the Most Holy Sacrament. She was the Only Worthy creature who could Keep, Defend and Protect My Act. See, then, when creatures receive Me, I Descend into them Together with the Acts of My Inseparable Mama; and Only because of this can I Perpetuate My Sacramental Life."

St. Peter Julian Eymard and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Peter Julian Eymard, of France, had a strong devotion to the Holy Eucharist and Our Lady and began his priestly life in the Society of Mary. "But his heart burned with the desire to establish perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed upon a royal throne and surrounded by a large court of adorers. On February 2, 1851, at the shrine of Fourvière, the most Blessed Virgin had made him understand its necessity. 'All the mysteries of my Son have a religious order of men to honor them. The Eucharist alone has none' After several years of prudent reflection and interior combat, encouraged by Pope Pius IX, he founded the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Paris on May 13, 1856" (St. Peter Julian Eymard: Apostle of the Eucharist Novena, p. 20).

The title of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament was first given to Mary by St. Peter Julian Eymard in May 1868, while speaking to his novices. A few years later he described what her statue should look like: "The Blessed Virgin holds the Infant in her arms; and He holds a chalice in one hand and a Host in the other." He exhorted them to invoke Mary: "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

Later, Pius IX enriched the invocation with indulgences. Twice, St. Pius X did the same. On December 30, 1905, he granted a 300 days indulgence to the faithful who pray: "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for us."

"This title, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, is perhaps the most meaningful of all," said St. Pius X. In 1921 the Sacred Congregation of Rite authorized the Blessed Sacrament Congregations to celebrate each year, on the 13th of May, a "solemn commemoration of the Blessed Virgin," with the intention of honoring Mary under the title of "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament." And of course this Feast is still celebrated today with great joy by all the spiritual sons and daughters of St. Peter Julian Eymard.

Pope Bl. John XXIII codified the title of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament when he declared St. Peter Julian Eymard a saint on December 9, 1962, at the end of the last session of the Second Vatican Council.

Prayer

Virgin Immaculate, perfect lover of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we ask you to obtain for us the graces we need to become true adorers of our Eucharistic God. Grant us, we beg of you, to know Him better, to love Him more, and to center our lives around the Eucharist, that is, to make our whole life a constant prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

R. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O Virgin Immaculate, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

R. That the Eucharistic Kingdom of Jesus Christ may come among us!

FIAT!
AMEN!
SO BE IT!

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