

## St. Padre Pio and the Eucharist

*This week, we had the opportunity to celebrate the feast day of St. Padre Pio (September 23rd), an Italian priest and Capuchin friar of the 20th century who was renowned worldwide for his incredible holiness, miracles, and spiritual gifts. St. Padre Pio was immensely devoted to the Eucharist and to the Mass, celebrating the Mass with such intensity and emotion that he often wept at the altar knowing he was participating in Christ's Passion. This week, we present some quotes on the Eucharist and the Mass from St. Padre Pio, as well as a prayer he composed for after receiving Holy Communion.*

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"It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Mass."

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."

"As long as you receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every morning, you must consider yourself extremely fortunate."

"If we only knew how God regards [the Mass], we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."

### St. Padre Pio's Prayer after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without meaning and hope.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I can hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You ever more, and to be always in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be always faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing. Death, judgment and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way; for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of life, with all its dangers, I need You. Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharist may be the light which disperses darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus. I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong, active love.

Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love You perfectly throughout all eternity, dear Jesus. Amen.

#### Parish Eucharistic Adoration Times

Friday, October 4th: 8 am to 3 pm

Saturday, October 5th: 2 pm to 3:30 pm

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