

The Adoration Tabernacle

In June of 2019, Bishop John Doerfler authorized the installation of an adoration tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This innovation in church architecture combines the function of a monstrance with the security of a tabernacle. This means that adoration is always available while still providing for the security of the Blessed Sacrament.

On the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (2019), Monsignor Michael Steber blessed the adoration tabernacle which was made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor. The traditional monstrance is still used for benediction, Eucharistic processions and special times of adoration in the main cathedral.

For those persons having a regular weekly hour of Eucharistic adoration, the structure of our longstanding program remains largely unchanged. However, we no longer have to “close adoration” due to bad weather. If you decide you are unable to come to the chapel because of the weather, you are under no obligation to risk hazardous travel. If you decide to come to the chapel in spite of the weather, adoration will be available.

The adoration tabernacle also benefits those who have only a limited amount of time to spend in the chapel. If you are at the end of your time of adoration and no other adorer is present, you may leave the chapel after closing the small doors on the adoration tabernacle. Simple guidelines are in the chapel.

For more information, call coordinator Jim Dowling at 250-4454.