

FAQ's About the St. Francis PEA Chapel

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How do I get in?

The Chapel door is located on the east side of St. Francis Church (the door closest to 13th street). The door has a code lock. Please contact your Hourly Coordinator, Division Leader, or two Head Coordinators for this code.

What does Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) mean?

Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of a given parish (5 parishes in our case) unite in taking hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week. One person **must** be present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance (the gold/silver holder that the host is placed in), but two should be present each hour at least. Jesus cannot be left alone, even for a moment.

What if I can't cover my shift?

Contact the adorers who share the hour with you to let them know you're not going to be there and verify that they will be there. If this fails, call a substitute from the substitute list to cover your shift. If you call at least five substitutes and you can't find someone then call your Hourly Coordinator. If you can't get a hold of your Hourly Coordinator, then call your Division Leader and Head Coordinators (in that order).

Can I talk during my hour?

Yes - to God in silent conversation. Everyone has the right to a silent and undistracted prayer environment. So please do not use this time to get caught up with friends or get messages to people you might run into in the chapel. There should never be talking in the chapel, period, or interrupting of others, including giving them a note.

What if there is bad weather?

If the weather is under a watch or warning and the chapel needs to be closed for the safety of the adorers, an email will be sent. In addition, phone calls to the adorers that would be affected by the closing will be undertaken. The email and phone call will explain the time we're closing and when we plan to reopen. The closing will also be posted on the website, www.stfrancisadoration.org. We have moved from relying on the closing of the schools for when our chapel should close due to weather since it affects our overnight adorers before knowing what the schools will do. The weather is monitored closely during the winter months when this is most crucial for our ever-changing weather and road conditions.

What is proper etiquette in the chapel?

Modest dress is important (modest blouses, no immodest skirts or shorts). Please try to keep shuffling papers and other noises to a minimum. Make sure to turn off your cell phones! Children should not cause distractions to others, but at the same time we want them to learn this beautiful form of prayer – try to find the “prudential middle”.

What if there is an emergency?

A list of emergency contacts can be found in the “sign-in” room.

Explanation of terms used in our PEA (Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration) Program Literature:

- **Regular Adorer** - A Regular Adorer is a person who commits to a specific day and time (one hour) every week.
- **Substitute** - This is a person who can be called to fill in when regular adorers can't make their shift. Substitutes can specify certain time frames that they are able to fill in.
- **Hourly Coordinator** - A Hourly Coordinator is in charge of a “prayer team” in which they oversee one hour a day seven days a week (example: 1 pm-2 pm, seven days a week). Hourly Coordinators also make sure adorers are showing up for their designated hours; answers their questions; occasionally finds a substitute for them; and fills in for them if needed.
- **Division Leader** - A Division Leader is an adorer who assists six Hourly Coordinators and the Head Coordinators with their duties.

Holidays when the chapel is closed:

The only scheduled closings for Holidays/Holy Days is Christmas, New Years and Easter. All other Holy Days and Holidays the chapel will remain open, this includes Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

- **Christmas** - The Chapel will close for Christmas on Dec. 23rd @6:00PM and will remain closed on the 24th & 25th and will open on the 26th.
- **New Years** - The Chapel will close for New Years on Dec. 31st @ 12 Noon and will remain closed on Jan 1st and will open on Jan. 2nd.
- **Easter** - For Easter the chapel will close at 6pm on the Wednesday before Holy Thursday. The chapel will remain closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday, and will open @8AM on the Monday after Easter Sunday.