

# St. Veronica Guidelines for Eucharistic Adoration

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## ❖ Responsibilities of the Eucharistic Adorer

- Be responsible and conscientious. Arrive on time or early for your hour.
- Find your own substitute when you cannot be at Adoration. Schedule your substitute as early as possible. Refer to the “Who to Call” document for the correct procedure.

## ❖ Upon Entering the Adoration Chapel

- Kneel to show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament.
- Sign in using the sign-in binder.

## ❖ Entering the Adoration Chapel at Night

- Between 9 pm and 8:30 am, the exterior doors of the church are locked. The Adoration Chapel can be accessed only through the south vestibule. Adorers must enter the vestibule through the door farthest to the left, using the keyless entry system. Enter the code, press the ENTER key, push down on the handle and pull the door open. *Do not prop the door open for the next adorer.*

## ❖ Before Leaving the Adoration Chapel

- Make sure the next adorer is a scheduled adorer, a substitute or a visitor willing to remain until the next scheduled adorer arrives.
- If you are being called away in an emergency, and no one else is present, do not leave the Chapel until you have notified your team leader. Team leaders’ numbers are on the phone table. If you do not reach your team leader, keep calling team leaders until you speak to one and convey your message.
- If you are alone and the next adorer does not arrive, remain in the chapel until a scheduled adorer arrives, if you are able. If you *must* leave, contact your team leader.
- **NOTE:** The Blessed Sacrament is *never* to be left alone under any circumstances.

## ❖ Proper Decorum

- Maintain Reverent, Prayerful Silence. Vocal prayer, singing, and musical instruments are not permitted. Groups wishing to recite vocal prayers together, such as the Rosary, may do so in the Church.
- All cell phones and pagers must be in silent or vibrate mode. No electronic toys, games or computers are permitted.
- Food and drink are never permitted in the Chapel.

## ❖ Inclement Weather Policy

- In the event of snow, ice, or other serious weather that would pose a concern for safe driving, adorers should follow the normal guidelines for obtaining a substitute, assuming that some among those contacted may live closer to the Church and be able to make it over safely. If an adorer has weather-related concerns, and is unwilling to drive to the church, the adorer should contact their prayer partners and hourly coordinator to ensure that someone will be present at adoration for that hour. Saint Veronica Parish follows Fairfax County Schools’ policy regarding closures due to inclement weather. The Adoration Chapel will close if Fairfax County Schools close or afternoon/evening activities are cancelled by the schools or the Fairfax County Park Authority. To check closures via Internet, type in “fcps.edu” or call the Fairfax County Park Authority’s 24-hour inclement weather line at 703-324-8661. In the case of a school delay, the chapel will be open, and scheduled adorers should arrange for a sub if they need to be home with their children.
  - **NOTE:** Please check your email after chapel closure. If weather and roads are clear the next day, the Pastor may reopen the Chapel.

