

## HEALING THROUGH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*by Jean Beers*

On May 22, St. Thomas parish in Tukwila sponsored the “Effusione” event following the Pentecost Vigil Mass, a special time of prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the Eucharistic procession around the church, Fr. Jim Northrop paused, with monstrance raised, at individual pews. During this time a woman experienced a dramatic inner healing, as related below. We can all experience the Lord’s presence through the many opportunities for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that are available in our parishes. The Lord meets his people as they seek him in expectant faith.

Rev. Dr. John Roddam, a member of the planning committee for the Pentecost Effusione event, writes, “It was a blessing to be part of the Pentecost Eve Celebration. I wanted to share a testimony from a Lutheran friend (with her permission!) who attended the event in person.” Here is her testimony:

“During the time of (my words as I am not familiar with all the Catholic terms) processing the Host, the Lord did a profound work in me identifying and allowing me to release deeply hidden grief... like a video of memories of my husband Dave’s cancer journey... things I had

“motored through” but never cried about because I had to be strong.

“And so the memories came up, one by one. I didn’t have to create this or work to dig them out... they just surfaced one by one in quite rapid succession... and I quietly wept. This went on for maybe 30 min as Fr. Jim slowly made his way around the room holding up the cross in which was contained the Host. He would pause by each pew for some moments and allow congregants to simply gaze upon this. I have NEVER participated in anything like this. Oh my.

“Finally, the last piece, the Lord showed me that though He had “sung” Dave across, I had not specifically released him. Jesus stood with me by the head of his bed and allowed me to release

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## OFFICE NOTES FROM JEAN BEERS

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# DRAW NEAR TO THE LORD AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU

The Lord Jesus has drawn near to his people in these times through Eucharistic Adoration, as experienced by the Lutheran woman who received inner healing during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, see testimony page 1. Many priests have had dramatic experiences during Adoration including Fr.

Mathias Thelen, President of Encounter Ministries and Pastor, St. Patrick Church, Brighton, Michigan, and Fr. Cal Christiansen, Pastor, St. Pius X Church, Mountlake Terrace, Washington. People receive healing both quiet and dramatic as they draw near to the Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**“Summer can  
provide special  
opportunities  
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with Jesus.”**

Blessed Carlos Acutis, a young man from Milan, Italy, who died in 2006

at the age of fifteen, was devoted to the Eucharist. He created a virtual exhibition about Eucharistic miracles and developed a website, Eucharistic Miracles of the World, available at <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/>.

Now is the time to draw nearer to the Lord in adoration and expectant faith. Jesus is truly present to his people. Summer can provide special opportunities to spend time with Jesus, like mini-retreats, as we enjoy the outdoors. Three people share their special times on page 4 of this issue. Where do you draw near to the Lord? ■

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him. Then Jesus gave a picture of us hiking a favorite trail at Holden Village where, in past years, we often visited. "At one point, we stopped and Jesus said, 'Is it ok if I take Dave on a new trail, higher up and further in?' I hesitated, but I could see the excitement and joy on Dave's face. He was healthy, his guitar hand was healed (he had nearly cut off fingers in a home table saw accident in 1996 which prevented him from being able to play guitar). His cancer was gone and he could breathe (at the end he had a tracheotomy due to a fibrous fungal infection in his lungs that was literally asphyxiating him).

"In some strange way, Jesus, with hiking gear was with him and also standing with me at the same time. He whispered in my ear, 'Trust Me, this is going to be the greatest adventure.' I nodded and waved and said, 'I will see you later.' Dave said, 'I will tell you all about it.' He and Jesus then continued down the path. Jesus and I turned to walk back. The Presence was so visceral.

"I felt like I had just had deep spiritual surgery. The anointed worship prior (where I could hardly stand) was the Holy Spirit softening me up, like the old wineskins soaking in oil in preparation for the healing!!!



"I just maintained a very open, expectant stance. I was impressed by Fr. Jim's sensitivity as he was careful to stand as directly in front of worshipers, one pew

at a time, both ends of the pews, just standing silently, eye contact, but focus was on the monstrance\*. He would linger longer in some places. I was assuming he was functioning in knowledge gifts of discernment and words of knowledge or wisdom. It was very powerful and touched me deeply. Afterwards when I shared with a friend, she said, 'I knew the Lord was dealing with some deep grief in you. I saw the Lord just reaching in and pulling things out of you one by one, until there was no more.' That is exactly what happened, and I am different today. Another friend shared a word with me that from last night this is going to be a year of great favor for me...we will see how all this plays out!"

Praise the Lord for His Goodness! It was a powerful evening! ■

*The Rev'd. Dr. John and Holly Roddam live in Richmond, BC Canada.*

*\* The monstrance is a liturgical vessel used to display the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the form of the Sacred Host for its adoration and veneration outside of Mass and outside of the tabernacle. It is used during perpetual and public Eucharistic adoration and during Eucharistic processions such as on the Feast of Corpus Christi. (Etym: Latin monstrans, from monstrare, to show, point out, indicate.)*



# Find Time With Jesus this Summer

## Retreat with Jesus

by Ron McNerney

Music from the bedside alarm  
announces the beginning of a  
new day.

Grabbing a cup of freshly  
brewed coffee,

I move toward my rocking  
chair.

Sunlight pours in through the  
window.

There are others in the house,  
but, alone with God,  
I do not hear them.

Zoe has settled into my lap.

The forest is bathed in the  
glow of morning sunlight.

One of the Blue Jays has left  
the nest

and is enjoying the birdbath.

A big squirrel is prancing  
through the ivy,

Prob'ly burying peanuts.

I open my daily prayer book.

I am blessed to spend this  
morning hour  
with the Lord,  
away from the world,  
observing all His glory  
in nature and with prayerful  
words.

"Praise the Lord from the  
heavens...

Praise the Lord from the  
earth,

...all mountains and hills,  
all fruit trees and cedars,  
beasts, wild and tame,  
reptiles and birds on the wing."

- From Psalm 148

## "You, a Friend, and Jesus"

by Jan Alkire

Imagine you're on a summer retreat with Jesus and one day you sense him walking with you on a beach. Or you receive clarity about a difficult decision. Or a scripture passage speaks directly to you.

If you're like me, you'll probably want to tell someone about this. Who? I suggest a spiritual companion---a friend with whom you share your spiritual journey. Jesus joins you whenever you meet to listen to each other and pray together. Personal experiences often come alive in new ways. What a blessing!

(Writer Jan Alkire's newest book, *Seeking Christ Through Friendship*, shows how to find and be a spiritual companion. Visit her website at [www.JanAlkire.com](http://www.JanAlkire.com))



## Jesus, Meet Me At the Beach!

by Becky Williamson

With access to a semi-solitary beach, I am blessed to have "Just Jesus and me time." I invite Him to walk with me and share His beautiful creations. I am especially amazed with the variety and beauty of the rocks that are around for my inspection.

Soaking up the sun and God's love at the same time, I wonder, "Could this get any better?" Well Jesus, maybe we could find an agate?

I return home with God's peace, a little sunburn, sand in my shoes, and an agate in my pocket! Perfect.

# I KNEW I HAD FOUND ANOTHER HOME

*Testimony of Theresa Jordan*

I was Baptized and made my First Communion at St. Benedict parish in Seattle. I enjoyed going to CCD and church. I can remember playing with my siblings and we would play “going to church.” We loved it that much! We would take turns pretending to say scripture or giving a homily.

Many of our neighbors were Catholic. Both sides of my grandparents were Catholic. We prayed together as a family and it was part of my early faith formation.

When I turned 12 all of this changed. My parents divorced and it was devastating. I felt my family was so different from all my friends. I felt like I no longer belonged to the Catholic church. At the tender age of 12 I knew that getting a divorce was not looked at fondly by the Church.

When all of this was taking place, a friend invited me to the Assembly of God church. I took her up on the invitation and found this church to be so different from the Catholic church. During the church service people shouted with praise and spoke in tongues. I was amazed! They also sang with their arms raised and arms outstretched to Jesus. It was beautiful. I continued going to the Assembly of God church through my teenage years. (Except when I visited my grandparents who lived in Snoqualmie, then we would go to Our Lady of Sorrows parish).

In my 20's and 30's I did not attend church much, perhaps just on Christmas or Easter. Then in my 40's I hit rock bottom. I was severely depressed and hospitalized for depression. I had to start

taking medication for the depression. At this point I realized something was missing from my life. I realized it was the Lord. I started soul searching. After I got out of the hospital, I was asked to go help take care of my grandmother in Portland until they could find a new caregiver. While I was there, I started attending the Catholic church on Sundays. During Holy week I attended all the Masses. I had never experienced Holy Week before. I could only remember attending Mass on Easter. Holy Thursday and Good Friday were profound moments of being so immersed with the Lord. I remember the tears. After Easter Sunday, I decided to make an appointment with a priest. I had some questions about Catholicism. When I met with the priest, he answered my questions and then welcomed me home! Holy Wow! God wanted me back in the Catholic church! I was so happy, and knew in my heart that it was what the Lord wanted.

When I returned to Seattle, I started going back to St. Benedict parish. Then the next year, I got Confirmed! I started attending different parishes and settled on Blessed Sacrament parish.

One evening I attended a Healing Mass at WWCCR. I heard them speaking in tongues and praising with open arms, and seeking healing. That was it. I knew I had found another home!

I feel so grateful to have found the Charismatic Renewal, and the beauty of the Catholic church. I love being a charismatic Catholic. ■

*Theresa Jordan is a WWCCR volunteer and member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Seattle.*





## RETREATS PAST

by Andrea Garcia

### REFLECTION

Sitting on my front porch, basking in the sunshine I was reflecting on getting away for a much-needed retreat this summer, which made me think of the many retreats I've been a part of over the years, which made me think of a priest friend who, taking time out of his busy schedule, helped out with another kind of weekend getaways, WWCCR youth retreats. To get away and be with God, team and teenagers was such a blessed blast! Connecting again, we talked about the lives that were touched on those Spirit-filled getaways. I thanked him for his part in the life-changing talks that were so instrumental in the formation of daily life in the Holy Spirit, in community, and in the celebration of the Mass.

I told him that God has placed the needs of priests on my heart, to intentionally pray for

those who need to be protected and strengthened for this time in history. They have given so much to the Renewal and so much to our parishes. The need is definitely there. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to a time of prayerful action?

### ACTION

Think of a priest who made a real impact in your life over the years and pray for him. One way I've found to be fruitful in my parish is to pray for priests as part of the Seven Sisters Apostolate. For more information <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

Lord Jesus, protect your priests. Amen. ■

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## JULY/AUGUST INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

### Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

July 1 Pope Francis	Aug 1 Pope Francis
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July 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	Aug 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
July 4 Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg	Aug 4 Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
July 5 Fr. Jim Northrop	Aug 5 Fr. Jim Northrop
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July 7 Fr. Charles Palluck	Aug 7 Fr. Thomas Quinn
July 8 Fr. Watson Paramasivam	Aug 8 Fr. Michael Radermacher
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July 11 Fr. Thomas Park	Aug 11 Fr. José Maria C. Ramirez Briseno
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July 25 Fr. Clement Piruwa	Aug 25 Fr. Stephen Roman
July 26 Fr. Paul Pluth	Aug 26 Deacon Rey Ronquillo
July 27 Fr. Kyle Poje	Aug 27 Deacon Jack Roscoe
July 28 Deacon Dale Pollard	Aug 28 Deacon Gary Rose
July 29 Fr. Marc Powell	Aug 29 Fr. Manuel Rosiles
July 30 Deacon Daniel Powers	Aug 30 Fr. Cody Ross
July 31 Fr. Elias Puentes	Aug 31 Fr. Stephen Rowan

*Lord, lift up your holy priests; grant them the graces they need to minister to your people. Keep them pure and strong in your love; give them courage when things are difficult and accompany them when they are lonely; strengthen them in times of weakness. Amen.*

*Let us pray...*

**O Saint Joseph,**  
assist us by your  
powerful and effective  
intercession, and present  
this intention to your  
Divine foster-son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord: We  
place the interests and  
needs of WWCCR  
before You, Jesus,  
especially our need for  
wisdom and provision  
for the future disposition  
of the WWCCR office  
building, for any  
re-structuring we need,  
and for the appropriate  
staffing, including our  
search for an Executive  
Director. Amen.

*(Feel free to cut out this prayer  
and keep it in your bible or  
prayer book.)*



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