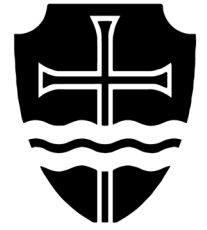


# SEVEN CHURCHES VISITATION

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH | NEW BRIGHTON, MN

*After the 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass*



## PRAYER WHILE VISITING THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

My Lord Jesus Christ, who, through the love which you bear toward men, does remain with them day and night in this sacrament, full of mercy and love, awaiting, inviting and receiving all who come to visit you, I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. From the abyss of my nothingness, I adore you. I thank you for all the graces which you have bestowed upon me, particularly for having given me yourself in this sacrament, for having given me your most holy Mother Mary for my advocate, and for having called me to visit you in this church. I pay my homage to your most loving heart for these three ends:

1. in thanksgiving for this great gift;
2. to make amends to you for all the outrages which you do receive in this sacrament from all your enemies;
3. I intend by this visit to adore you in all the places on earth in which you are present in this sacrament and in which you are the least honored and the most abandoned.

My Jesus, I love you with my whole heart. I am sorry for having offended your infinite goodness so many times. I promise, with the help of your grace, never more to offend you; and, at this moment, miserable as I am, I consecrate my whole being to you. I give you my entire will, all my affections and desires and all that I have. From this day forward, do what you will with me and with everything that belongs to me. I ask and desire only your holy love, the gift of final perseverance and the perfect fulfillment of your will. I commend to you the souls in purgatory, particularly those who were most devoted to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin Mary; and I also commend to you all poor sinners. Finally, my dear savior, I unite all my affections with the affections of your most loving Heart; and thus united, I offer them to your Eternal Father, and I entreat him, in your name and for your sake, to accept and answer them. Amen.

*- by St. Alphonsus Liguori*

*Recommended readings for each church visit on the back.*

## WHAT IT IS:

An ancient Lenten tradition where Catholics visit seven churches after the Holy Thursday Mass each of which represent the final seven places Jesus journeyed, from his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday.

## RECOMMENDED ROUTE:

1. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
New Brighton, MN  
*St. Joseph Hall*
2. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
4030 Jackson St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55421
3. St. Hedwig Catholic Church  
129 29th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418
4. Holy Cross Catholic Church  
1621 University Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413
5. Church of St. Boniface  
629 NE 2nd St, Minneapolis, MN 55413
6. St. Clement's Catholic Church  
901 24th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418
7. St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
2739 NE Stinson Pkwy, St Anthony, MN 55418

## RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS AT EACH CHURCH

*Corresponding to their respective numbers*

### 1. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46)

Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

### 2. Jesus before Annas (John 18:19-22)

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area\* where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?"

### 3. Jesus before Caiaphas (Matthew 26:63-65)

But Jesus was silent.\* Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so.\* But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed!\* What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy;

### 4. Jesus before Pilate (John 18:35-37)

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants [would] be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.\* For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

### 5. Jesus before Herod (Luke 23:8-9; 11)

Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. [Even] Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate.

### 6. Jesus before Pilate again (Matthew 27:22-26)

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged,\* he handed him over to be crucified.

### 7. Jesus's crucifixion and death (Matthew 27:27-31)

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium\* and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak\* about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns,\* they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him\* and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.