

Hi! I'm Lisa LeMay. I've been a member at St. Rose of Lima since 1994 and have been participating in this Mass at Corpus Christi since it started several years ago. I serve as an usher, Eucharistic Minister, as an occasional lector, and outside of these walls, have worked with Holy Hammers.

There are a couple of reasons why I serve that I'd like to share with you. As it says in Matthew, where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. I treasure this Mass. I treasure the community, the vibrant feel, the intimate setting of the physical space, and the music (for which I have a hard time finding the right adjectives). It becomes a very personal experience for me and in order to keep this experience possible for not only for myself but also to be able to draw others to God, I help.

A bigger reason why I serve follows what is said in Corinthians: "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity, thanksgiving will result to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." Simply said, I'm trying to give thanks back to God for the blessings he's given me.

The Lord has truly blessed me with a life I could never have imagined. I have a terrific family, a supportive church family, a fulfilling career, and a safe, comfortable, warm home. There are all the glories of nature and the arts. There is the promise of a new sunrise and a new beginning every morning. Not that it's all been sunshine and roses: there have been times when I've said I'm done-can't do anymore. But: I know that I know that I know the Lord is there with me every step of the way with his grace and peace to see the situation through. I know that, as Julian of Norwich said, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

I would encourage you to open your heart and give service to God and his people a try. I hope you'll find it as fulfilling as I have. Thank you for listening and thanks be to God!