Knights Reflection June 2025

Tonight, let's talk about the Holy Trinity's interaction with Mankind in history – and - today as a prelude to our prayers.

God is the God of the entire universe; therefore, no matter how much Mankind wished and asked to see Him, we will not, until we see Him in Heaven. Even in the Garden of Eden, at Adam and Eve's fall – they only **heard** Him in the **Garden** when they were hiding. He was seen by the Prophets and the Israelites as a whisper, a wind, a burning bush, a cloud, smoke, and as we will hear next Sunday – at Pentecost -- God came with the Holy Spirit as a strong wind to the Apostles. Even so, only appearing in just a few instances.

The Holy Spirit is God's Advocate. Webster defines Advocate "as someone who publicly supports or represents someone"; therefore, the Holy Spirit represents God here on Earth. The CCC says "that the Holy Spirit, in being spirit, has no form but can assume any form that is necessary to represent God in various situations". Generally, that means invisible as when Father calls down the Holy Spirit in the Consecration of the Mass; however, at select times we see the Holy Spirit in the form of a Dove, Tongues of Fire, Water of Baptism, and as just a Feeling of Presence in our lives.

The Son, in Jesus, was part God and part human; therefore, he had substance and form as well as divinity. On Earth, He was very much in human form but possessing God's very spiritual attributes when alive. That divinity was not only witnessed on Earth while he was alive; but, in the Resurrected Christ, that we honored last Sunday, as He continued to display that divinity in human form, appearing to Humans on Easter morning, the Sundays afterward, on the road to Emmaus, on Saul's Road to Damascus, and at His Resurrection.

As Catholics, I am not talking about anything you do not already know; however, God sent His only Son to be our conduit to be able to see God face-to-face --- through Him. As God had advocates of the Holy

Spirit, the Prophets, and His Angels – Jesus also has His Saints (as Jesus was the last Prophet) to assist us in our journey to Heaven. We believe that these Saints, like the first martyr Saint Steven, not only have seen God's Face at their death; but, like Jesus will appear in both human and spirit form to us in our needs. This intervention and appearance continues on Earth - as with our Mother Mary and other Saints in form and presence, or even more simply - in the daily intervention/protection of our Gardian Angels. We can pray to them, and they can act in our behalf.

So, after page or so, where is this all going? Actually, <u>in prayer</u>; however, not the prayer of our requests; but the prayer of thanks and admiration for what the Holy Trinity and Saints do for us.

A few weeks ago, when praying at my Thursday Adoration slot (and signing in), I could not get over reading the sign-in sheet whereas a couple before me wrote "*Praying for World Peace*". I was immediately struggling to not sit or be in judgement; but still thinking about why someone would be praying for such a global issue instead of adoring the "True Presence of Christ" – "God here on Earth". Specifically, having a first-hand opportunity to ask Jesus the Son, the Holy Spirit, and God for their intervention to set our ship in the correct direction towards God.

So tonight, what is the message --- we may need to consider stopping mainly thinking about ourselves and start praying for what we have and for what we believe will get us to Heaven – being, not only Prayer but how we would appear, on Earth, to those in Heaven that we pray to for intervention.

Looking at this week, Adoration would be a great start. That "True Presence" before us is Christ as part of and representing the Holy Trinity here on Earth. Within minutes of gazing upon the Body of Christ, our life and the world 's issues start to dissolve as we are soon able to concentrate upon the Holy Trinity – in Jesus - right there only a few feet in front of us!! So, will we leave with our and the world problems resolved

likely not – however, we will have a clearer focus on what is important.
That focus, may just solve some of our Earthly burdens.