

# Chancellors Report/Reflection July 2025

## **A couple of follow ups from June:**

1. Two similar questions upon Jesus leaving the Holy Spirit with us, that both essentially say: – **“I thought God was always with us?”**. Answer, yes, God is with us through the Holy Spirit because God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are part of the Holy Trinity – of which - as with the Father and Son, are one in each other.
2. As noted in the June Meeting, the five Sundays in June are all about how the life on Earth will be after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. So, in following the Gospels of these very special Sundays in June – **some of which were once - Holy Days:**
  - A. Ascension of our Lord – a Gospel which is part of a larger “prayer-form” exchange/discussion between Jesus and His Father in Heaven as He prepares to enter Heaven.
  - B. Pentecost – a Gospel in which was the first reality (here to the Apostles) that we would not see Jesus until the end of time. Likewise, in His departure, He did not merely extend His Graces but, He gave us the Holy Spirit to reside with us.
  - C. Most Holy Trinity – where John’s Gospel lays out what the Holy Spirit is to do and how the Holy Trinity is

intertwined as one. Likewise, the first reading describes what the Trinity will look like, and the second reading defines how both God and Christ are present in the Holy Spirit.

D. The Body & Blood of Christ – this Gospel contains the account of the feeding of the five thousand as a precursor to us seeing later – the reality of Jesus leaving his actual Spirit with us in the “*true presence-of-Christ*” in the Eucharist.

E. Apostles Day (Saints Peter & Paul) – this Gospel is a reminder, as it was with Saint Peter’s faith, of just how much Faith is required to be a follower of Christ.

After Easter and the Five Special Sundays noted: tonight, we look forward to many Sundays of Ordinary Time where Father will test the durability of his Green Vestments. Although we are merely resuming the sequence of Ordinary Time Sundays earlier this year with the Fourteenth Sunday followed by many in a row --- it is easy to assume that the Term “ordinary” means just that --- “Being Ordinary”; however, this is far from the truth not only because “ordinary” here, defines only that these Sundays are simply not parts of other Church Seasons – like Easter, Christmas, Lents, etc. In reality, this is a time for the Church to “Teach”. Specifically, teaching from the Ambo as the Readings and the Gospels, taken from throughout the Old and New Testaments in the form of a week-after-week study of how our Faith came to be.

**For us in Ordinary Time Masses, we need to pay attention - as in the schools of our youth. We participate in prayer, reverence, and active response as a community. Prior to next Sunday, we may want to read the Gospels and a couple of Readings, from the last five Sundays. Likewise, to be a part of the “learning” process, it is important to spend some time at least in the minutes after Mass reflecting upon what we heard --- so that we will understand and learn.**