

Looking From A Different Angle

Going to Church is nice, I get my fill of faith, I feel better about myself and now it's time for life. Sure I can pause life for a moment to spend with God I mean surely He understands how busy I am, how much work I do; He knows and understands why I can't do more. What does Church, the Sacraments and faith mean to you? Are they burdens...on the side when I have extra time...something I will get to or worry about later? What is your perspective in life?

"...the glory of the LORD shall be revealed..." Isaiah 40

**"I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."
Isaiah 42; 6-7**

How do we view Church, our faith and the Sacraments? Where do they fall in our list of priorities? How we view these also reflects how we live them. On one hand they can be nothing of any great importance and on the other hand we can worship and forget that through Church, faith and the Sacraments is how God reaches out to love, nourish and embrace the world through us. God is present in our faith when we allow Him to be... He is born into the world through the love of the Church... God is truly, completely and uniquely present in the Sacraments. But is this how we view it, love it, and embrace it?

The bond of perfection is held in the love that comes from the Father through the Son and flows forth from the Holy Spirit into our hearts where our souls long to express it in the world. In the Sacraments we find our strength through grace to reach out to a starving, hurting and hateful world to embrace all who dwell in the world and show to them the love of God. Sacraments are not private, just for ourselves; they are for us to share with the world, to enhance our view of each other by looking deeper in the souls that God created and see where mercy has been devoid and desires to make new. In the Sacraments mercy enters the world with a powerful omnipresence that renews and excites the presence of the Spirit within all creation.

"We receive a new way of being, the life of Christ becomes our own: we are able to think like Him, to act like Him, to see the world and the things in it with the eyes of Jesus. And so we are able to love our brothers, beginning with the poorest and those who suffer the most, with His heart, and so bear fruits of goodness, of charity, and of peace in the world." Pope Francis

*Father, Son & Spirit,
Help me to see the wonders of Your love through ever new and
enchancing ways.
May I be captivated by the breathtaking beauty and depth of Your
endless peace.
I pray that I may become the fragrance of the Church by living my
faith and bring to light the power, fullness and awe of the
Sacraments. May my life become a living expression of Your love.*

AMEN