

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JANUARY 11, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

Jesus is the Word made flesh that enters into every part of our humanity, filling us with his divine presence. Our Lord's saving Word is how the divine permeates our humanity from head-to-toe. If we speak about God, then we must put into action God's Word that comes out of our speaking. God does not parcel out His presence only in our mouths, but rather, God's presence is all-encompassing through our Holy Communion with the Son of God made human. Thus, we cannot simply speak the Gospel message, but we must also put the Gospel into action. God's Word and putting the Word into action is living Holy Communion with Jesus.

Because God is eternally faithful to us in Christ the Son, there is no part of our humanity that is lacking in God's loving presence. From head-to-toe we are filled with God's faithful presence all the time. Weekly Eucharist strengthens our awareness that God's Love is not only Word, but in Christ born into our humanity, God's Word is put into loving, healing, and reconciling action. God's saving Word is always one in us with accompanying action, thanks to the dynamic Holy Spirit within us.

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that we cannot relate to God only with our lips voicing words. Christmas celebrates how God makes His Word flesh in Jesus born of Mary, that is, God not only speaks words of Love for the world but God also puts His Word into loving action thanks to Jesus' public ministry. Jesus' actions include many healings and reconciling moments which are indicative of how God loves us thru-and-thru every part of our humanity. God's Oneness with us is constant in Christ, so let us live God's Word from head-to-toe in our daily lives through our word and action Holy Communion with Christ and our neighbors.

In God's all-encompassing Love,

Fr. Terry