

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JANUARY 12, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

Many people have boss trouble because there is a power struggle, an authority issue. This goes back to Adam and Eve in their struggle with God as their boss. The Original Authority issue is how much power does God have over us? We do proclaim that God is all-powerful which implies that God has all power, all authority in our lives. Hopefully we are at peace with God's omnipresent authority called Unconditional Love. The Holy Spirit lives within us guiding us to make choices based on God's authoritative wisdom. When we have a guilty conscience this indicates that the Holy Spirit is revealing to us the authority of God's Will for us which prunes us to make wiser decisions in the future.

Accepting God's authority in Christ is realizing that God's "boss-ness" is not for oppressing us but rather for setting us free in God's almighty power. Remembering that our human origins are founded in the divine power of God calms us and humbles us in trusting in God's authority. No need to make a big issue out of this, but we do need to stop our power struggle with God. Let God be God in our lives and trust that in the Holy Spirit we are wiser people for God's Way of Love in Christ is the Way of Salvation.

Open to God's Way,

Fr. Terry