

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JANUARY 26, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

Simeon is an old man in the Gospel who recognizes Jesus as the savior of the world. In fact, he composes a canticle about his being ready to die now that he has encountered Jesus the savior. Once he experiences Holy Communion with Jesus, Simeon is at peace with life and with death. He experienced a conversion moment in Christ that has an eternal impact on him.

Hopefully we have already encountered Christ Jesus the Savior enough in our lives such that we are at peace with life and death. This has a lot to do with our silence in Jesus' presence. Our willingness to be silent in Jesus' presence without trying to manipulate Jesus' presence. Simply let Jesus be in our silence and gaze upon Jesus' risen life presence already with us. Yes, this is faith and it is gift from God so let's be open to this eternal awareness.

Simeon is open to the gift of Jesus in his life and it changes his life forever. Similarly, our being open to Holy Communion with Jesus is the daily faith journey of silence that can change our lives forever. Life and death will be filled with the peace of the risen Christ for us and that is an eternal impact on us already here on earth.

In Christ's Risen Peace,

Fr. Terry