

PASTOR'S COLUMN—FEBRUARY 9, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

The beloved John the Apostle is portrayed in the Gospel as reclining in Jesus' bosom. This loving expression is indicative of how John is one with Jesus in their openness to God the Father's Will. Jesus offers his total self on the Cross in fulfillment of God the Father's Will. The Beloved John keeps faithful vigil at the base of the Cross while Jesus commends his spirit to the Father.

For us as well, if we are to recline in Jesus' bosom which is Holy Communion, then we too need to be emptied of our selves and keep vigil at the base of the Cross of Christ as we commend our spirits over to the Creator Father's Will. The foundation to our faith journey in Christ is to be open to Our Father's Will which encourages us to recline in God's bosom of Love in Christ crucified and risen.

Being emptied of self is a sacrifice for us that communes with Jesus self-sacrifice at every Eucharist. Our love for Jesus is deepened when we humble ourselves to God Our Father's Will. When we eat Jesus' Body and drink his Blood we need plenty of room in our hearts for this saving gift. But when we are emptied of self we join beloved John the Apostle in reclining in Jesus' bosom which is heaven on earth.

In Christ's Oneness,

Fr. Terry