

PASTOR'S COLUMN—FEBRUARY 16, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

The creation story in the Book of Genesis emphasizes that all of creation is good. And thus, the Creator God of creation is also good. This is beneficial in our relationship with God because it affirms that we don't have to be afraid that God wants to hurt us. God is for us, not against us.

We are wise in our faith journey in Christ to get out in nature and ponder the goodness of creation. Even in snowy and cold conditions we can be outside in the flakes and frigidness with gratitude to God. Let's face it, that Nature is the atmosphere in which any housing is built. To spend time outside year-round inspires us to remember the world's and our origin in God's goodness.

Being God's highest creatures, we are blessed with the talent for being creative in many diverse ways. We thank God for our creativity by using it to the fullest, not burying our talent in the ground. God's greatest good is His Son, Jesus, who reveals to the world that the greatest creativity is love for God and neighbor. Acknowledging that the God we put our faith in is all good can open us up to deeper love of God and neighbor thanks to our Holy Communion with Christ Jesus. Jesus spends a lot of time outside in Nature and prays often outside to His Father. We too can spend more time outside year-round and deepen our prayer life as well, for Nature is God's haven of goodness.

In God's Goodness,

Fr. Terry