

PASTOR'S COLUMN—FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

The Old Testament presents us with Moses going up on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. There is an “if” attached to this Ten Commandment covenant because God’s Love is contingent on the Israelites faithful response to the Ten Commandments. That things will go bad for the Israelites if they don’t obey God’s Law.

The Good News of the New Covenant of Jesus is how Jesus clarifies that God’s Love is unconditional, no “ifs” attached to it. During Lent we need to more deeply absorb God’s unconditional love and stop fighting it. We need to stop down-playing God’s unconditional Love and trust it more deeply. In particular, we need to repent of not trusting God’s constant Love. Sin results from not trusting God’s unconditional Love. Sin energizes us to want to fight God’s Love because God’s deep Love from the sin perspective is unbelievable.

Weekly Eucharist strengthens our belief in God’s unconditional Love thanks to Scripture and the Body and Blood of Christ. We let go of fighting God’s Love at Mass and more joyfully praise and thank God for loving us even when we don’t want God’s Love. Any “ifs” about God’s Love are transformed into “always” in Christ the Savior of the World.

Thankful for God’s Constant Love,

Fr. Terry