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Dear Parishioners:

People tend to enjoy the sensational, the thrilling, something new and exciting. As if we are vigilantly looking for something more and more to finally satisfy us. It seems to be a never-ending search for that something more. And when it comes to Jesus, we may project this wanting more and more out of Jesus when the faith fact is that Jesus is our constant fulfillment now. This is the result of Jesus' death and resurrection and how his risen peace lives within us at all times. Specifically, Jesus lives within us in the silence. Yup, we need to ponder in silence Jesus' all-consuming presence. He encompasses all sensations, thrills, newness and excitement. Jesus' grace-filled presence is sufficient for all the "more and more" in our daily desires.

As for proof of this, we need to enter the silence within us; it's there but we need to let go of trying to monitor the silence. Simply be in the silence and observe how present Jesus is to us in our every moment. Nothing is missing in our lives where our depths are filled with Jesus' constant presence. Only the silence of faith in Christ crucified and risen is our inner peace. And when we live inner peace in Christ, our lives simplify in Christ's eternal abundance within us.

In Christ's Sufficiency,

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