

PASTOR'S COLUMN—FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

During the DVD presentation on God by Fr. Barons, last Sunday, following the 10 a.m. Mass, he spoke of how at the center of God is non-violence. I find this to be a profound reminder of how God is Love and God's Love is non-violent.

In recent weeks there has been a societal focus on gun violence. The impression I get is that we ought to get a gun to protect ourselves. H'mm..., let's ponder this for a while. Do we want to shoot another human being? I know it might be out of self-defense but...this is not a video game.

Let's reflect on Jesus and guns in the light of His Death and Resurrection. After Jesus rises from the dead, he goes to visit His disciples and the first thing Jesus says to the disciples is "Peace be with you". Jesus' peace is based on non-violence. I think we are wise to keep Jesus' peace perspective as we deliberate about gun violence.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry