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Dear Parishioners:

How often do you laugh at yourself? I mean break into laughter about ourselves based on some of the things that happen to us. A slight slip on a wet floor, a dropped jar that splatters, a jammed finger with an inadvertent bump. I'm not suggesting laughter at a serious injury, but let's face it, some of the things that happen to us each day warrant some laughter! We are such characters, aren't we? (Yes, we are!) Self-laughter is letting the joy of the risen Christ help us to keep perspective on our earthly lives.

Can we confidently assume that Jesus let out a big laugh after he rose from the dead? Out loud laughter at death! Yes, now this is Good News for our earthly, human lives! We can laugh at death which is technically our hardest "fall" on earth.

In Christ the risen savior, we have reason to chuckle every day because our human limitations are redefined in Christ's risen presence. As we slip, slide, drop or jam ourselves, we can smile/laugh at what a collection of weaknesses we are but how eternally precious we are at the same time in the risen Christ.

I propose to you that a good sign of our faith in the risen Christ is our freedom and peace with laughing at ourselves a few times each day/night. It is good for our blood vessels and it is eternally good for our spiritual lives.

With a smile in Christ,

Fr. Terry