

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MARCH 7, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

There may be times when we doubt whether God has brought salvation to the world through Christ His Son. Somehow we may not yet be convinced that Jesus has already died and risen from the dead. Lent heightens our faith awareness in, yes, Jesus is already risen from the dead and His Pentecost Holy Spirit fills us with risen life now.

Our faith response is to give God constant praise and thanks which includes weekly Eucharist. Our main reason for going to Mass every week is to praise and thank God for giving us His Son to free us from sin and death. No need to get bogged down with layers of reasons for going to Mass. It's pretty simple: go to Mass to praise and thank God for loving us first as revealed in Jesus the Son of God made man. We commune at Mass with the risen Christ who confirms in the Holy Spirit that we are eternal life people.

So as Lent continues, let us give up our worries and fears about life and replace them with praise and thanks to God. This is a more energizing way to live and it testifies to our faith in Christ as the risen Savior now. Life is so much simpler when we live every day the Doxology proclaimed at weekly Mass: "Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, O God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever".

Praising and thanking God,

Fr. Terry