

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MARCH 17, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

It is one thing to have endurance but it is quite another thing to have patient endurance. Endurance is our stick-to-it-ness but our attitude might not be pleasant. We may lament the long day at work or the tedious time of doing clean-up around the home. Patient endurance faces the long day at work with inner quiet and resulting outer calm because the patient part flows out of gratitude to God for guiding us along. We wait on the Lord for showing us how to work a long day wisely and creatively. Also, we wait on the Lord in the clean-up process and are grateful for cleaning agents doing their thing.

Day-to-day challenges become easy and light when we approach them with patient endurance in the Christ who patiently endures the Cross and reveals wisdom, re-creation, and cleansing through His resurrection. Our communion with Christ Jesus' patient endurance strengthens us to view life not as an endurance contest but rather as a patient endurance faith journey.

In the journey of faith,

Fr. Terry