

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MARCH 28, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

We can be stubborn in our prayer because we can become stagnant in how we relate with God. We say the same morning and night prayers and get into a frenzy if we forget to say them or don't say them the "correct" way. Getting stuck in our prayer approach is unnecessary because God's Spirit of Love always provides for us including every heart-beat and every breath.

Pushy-prayer gives the impression that we have to force God to do our Will. This does not work because God's Love is freely given to us all the time. Holy Communion with Jesus reminds us of how oneness with God in Christ is prayer. It goes beyond word or action and leaves us silently dependent on God's Will in our every moment. In Silence we pray most simply and effectively to our Lover God. All force is surrendered and peaceable openness taking its place. No longer is prayer an ordeal—it simply is in the Silence. Stubbornness disappears and humility is the resulting prayer approach for we manifest trust in God's ever-faithful Love. Talk about the freedom of the children of God! Prayer becomes Risen Joy for us because we are relating with God on God's terms which liberates us from repetitious prayer approaches and enlivens us with mysterious prayer in God's Loving Will.

In God's Prayer Approach,

Fr. Terry