

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MARCH 31, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever looked up your family tree? Tracing back multiple generations to determine our ancestors can be fascinating. Although there may be some gaps, we need to go back to the time of Abraham our father in faith. Our faith in God has its roots in the Old Testament which includes Abraham. It is comforting to think that our faith in God has connections with humanity going back over 3000 years. The point is that our family tree has God as its origin and no matter how elaborate our family history, God is faithful to us always in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Even if our family is disjointed with failed marriages and wayward children, God is where the "is" includes God's constant presence with us. Whether it be hundreds or thousands of ancestors, our family of original origins is God's. God made us, no matter what generation we are in human history. Family life is eternally precious because it is gift from God and the Beloved Jesus confirms in the Holy Spirit of risen life that all generations of peoples are redeemed in Christ's death and resurrection.

Any family tree research has God as its' starting point, mid-point, end-point and every point in-between. In fact, God reveals in the Son of God made human for every generation, that God gives us an eternal point too that makes family trees fresh into eternity.

With Generational Love in Christ,

Fr. Terry