

PASTOR'S COLUMN—APRIL 6, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

Law is a part of civil society for without it, chaos would prevail and life would be a constant fear-trap. Going back to the time of Moses, Law is significant as indicated in the 10 Commandments. Jesus brings the fulfillment of the Law in the Gospel, the Good News, that Love sets the tone for all Law.

Jesus reveals that He is Lord of the Sabbath such that mercy and compassion take precedence over a rigorist interpretation of the Law about resting on the Sabbath. Jesus clarifies that to be law-abiding is to be love-abiding. Law is not an end unto itself, but rather it is the outgrowth of loving our neighbor and bringing stability to a society.

Sometimes the Law of society can come off as sterile, calculating, and insensitive. Our Lord Jesus is in our midst always in the Holy Spirit to temper the Law with the humanness of Love sustained by mercy and compassion. It is important that the Law be objective so as to foster justice including equality. However, in Christ Jesus we can do the Law with Love which fulfills justice and equality.

In Christ's Fulfilling Love,

Fr. Terry