

PASTOR'S COLUMN—APRIL 15, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

Although physical death is inevitable, the daily death to the past is optional. We can spend a lot of daily energy clinging to the past because we are familiar with the past: it has happened already. Jesus reminds us that “we cannot put our hands on the plow and keep looking back”. To follow Jesus we need both hands on the “plow” and move forward in the present moment.

If we are clinging to the past, we cannot live **now** in the present moment. At first glance this seems to be obvious, but our knee-jerk desire to return to the familiar of the past is a powerful “tonic”. Risen life in Christ is experienced in the present moment, not in the past. Do we believe this? Hopefully we do because the joy of Easter is real **now**. Although physical death is inevitable, the daily death to the past is a choice for living salvation **now**.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry