

PASTOR'S COLUMN—APRIL 25, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

Every now and then it is good for us to get some eternal perspective on true greatness. Our culture puts a lot of emphasis on doing a great job, that we excel at what we do. This can lead to endless disputes about what true greatness is because people can come up with endless criteria for what they personally believe is greatness. More than likely it points toward self-exaltation which is the antithesis of living in Holy Communion with Jesus.

Jesus reminds us that true greatness is based on humility of service to our neighbors. And Jesus reminds us that our neighbors include those people whom society has declared are ordinary. Our call in Christ to serve one another and not be served may leave us as perceived by society as unaccomplished. However, in Christ, our oneness with Christ clarifies that we are not seeking society's approval about greatness because we humbly admit that God's Ways of Greatness are not our Culture's way of viewing greatness.

Hopefully, we are relieved from the seeking greatness frenzy that can so consume us. Our Beloved Savior has set us free from false greatness and fills us with the Holy Spirit of humble service to one another. We may not get society's greatness ranking, but it does not matter because we are on this earth to do the Will of God Our Father which in Christ has everything to do with being humble servants of the Lord.

With Humility In Christ,

Fr. Terry