

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MAY 2, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

Gardens are beginning to flourish with the rain and warmer weather. Be they flower or vegetable gardens, they are a powerful reminder to us of Spring-growth. Observing the plant growth process is inspiring because there is mystery going on there. Sure, we plant, fertilize and water the gardens, but as to how the growth occurs, it is of God. Gardens are a faith reminder to us that flowers and vegetables are a gift from God.

Our entire lives are a garden, for we are planted in the garden of the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit fertilizes us and waters us with the Will of God Our Father that fills us with fruitful love of God and neighbor. Yes, we become beautiful flowers/vegetables of God's Love that give off the scent of mercy and provide charity that nourishes the human heart.

Faith is the patient willingness to observe how God continually and mysteriously stirs us to growth in God's Way of Love. At times we may wonder if any roots are sprouting within us through the Holy Spirit. The Good News of our beloved savior, Jesus, is that the mystery of God's Love is a year-round garden of growth. To tend to our inner garden is to simply be in the Silence of God's eternal faithfulness.

In God's Garden,

Fr. Terry