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Dear Parishioners:

There are many people who have a difficult time breathing. They may be on oxygen to help them breathe but they know that it would not take much to end their ability to breathe. When Jesus dies on the cross, at the moment of death, the gospel writer says that Jesus “breathed his last breath”.

The Good News is that Jesus has risen life breathed into him by the power of God and, as a result, he breathes eternal life into the world. Through baptism we are filled with the breath of the Risen spirit of Christ and, thus, our physical breathing is calmed from the risen perspective. Although regular breathing is important for life, breathing the Holy Spirit is important for eternal life.

Christ's risen spirit within us constantly reminds us that we do not live for ourselves, but rather, we live for Christ. Both in life and death we belong to the Lord God. Although each of us will eventually breathe our last physical breath, thanks to the risen Christ within us via the Holy Spirit, we breathe eternal life already here on earth and into the mysterious faith journey of life after death.

In Christ's Eternal Love,

Fr. Terry