

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MAY 5, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

The greatest mystery of our faith is Jesus' resurrection. We cannot rationally explain it but it is central to our Christian faith journey. The newness of life that Christ Jesus brings us surpasses everything else in life. Our baptism began to "soak" us with risen life in Christ and it continues to impact our every moment. Life is no longer heavy for us because the risen Christ encourages us to "lighten up" when it comes to approaching every aspect of life. Pick our biggest challenges at work, with family, with people, with health and "all is well" because the risen life of Christ is constantly in us in the power of the Holy Spirit. No need to be afraid to face anything in life including sin and death. This is the mystery of our faith at its deepest but what a relief to live in the risen Christ.

There is nothing more central to a happy and peaceful life than confidence in the risen life of Jesus; it makes us new creations again and again. The dynamic energy of risen life is love and it is constantly flowing within us in the Holy Spirit. Easter Season is seven weeks long to "soak" deeply into our faith "pores". Let us rejoice daily in this eternal life-changing gift!

Loving you in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Terry