

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MAY 9, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

We live in a noisy world. It would be interesting to measure how many decibels of noise we are exposed to in a given day/night. It is literally deafening to consider how loud life can be at times. The debilitating result is permanent hearing loss for some and ringing ears for others. Hearing loss makes for more difficult communication on both the listening and speaking level which can lead to much frustration.

The Good News of Jesus in Holy Communion with us is that even if our ears get damaged, God's communication of Saving Love in Christ continues to come through loud and clear thanks to the Holy Spirit within us. God's faithful love is louder than any temptation we have to be deaf to God's Word. And the times we try to be deaf to God's communication, God's Loving Word persists in calling us back to God's reliable voice in the Holy Spirit. It's called healthy guilt because God is reminding us that it is unhealthy for us to be closed-eared to His faithful love in Christ.

The Will of God gets through to us even in a noisy world, thanks to the Holy Spirit within us. Although our regular ears/hearing may fail us, the communication of God cannot be deafened to our faith-ears within us. When we are tempted to sin with deafness to God, it is helpful to remember that God persists loud and clear to us in Christ that not even our sin silences God's constant Love.

In God's Faithful Love,

Fr. Terry