

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JUNE 8, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

The Hope is that we wholeheartedly desire to be closer to God in our every moment. No matter where we go, we cherish God's oneness with us in Christ. An outgrowth of this closeness, this oneness with God is to humbly admit that God is filled with mercy for us. This is the center of God's Love revealed in Christ the Savior: God is merciful! It is God's mercy that initiates the reconciliation process with us and our neighbors.

Because God loves us first, we are gifted with the ability to love God and neighbor which includes being open to God's mercy. God's openness to us in Christ stirs in us the Holy Spirit within us to trust God more no matter what the sin stories in our lives. We do not need to be afraid of God because God is mercy incarnate in Christ the Savior.

Holy Communion with Jesus means Holy Communion with God's mercy. Let us more humbly accept God's reconciling love by admitting that our ability to face our sin with repentant hearts is itself a gift from God. God initiates mercy in Christ and fulfills His Mercy Mission by God's constant oneness within us in Christ. This blessed reassuring oneness continually gifts us with the ability to face our sin in peace, trusting that God is faithfully merciful to us in Christ.

In God's Mercy,

Fr. Terry