

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 20, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

One of the biggest hurdles to get over in the spiritual journey is thinking that God's Love for us is conditional. This means getting over the false notion that God will only love us if we are good. But God proves His unconditional love for us because while we are sinners, God sends Jesus His Son to die for our sins and to raise us up to new life.

God's eternal covenant of the Eucharist in Christ's Body and Blood proclaims God's Unconditional Love for us. This relieves the spiritual pressure we put on ourselves in trying to be good. No longer do we approach the spiritual journey as being the method for being good so that God will then love us. Instead, we can approach the spiritual journey as our constant opportunity to praise and thank God for loving us without conditions attached. That is why we need weekly Mass so as to deepen our praise and thanks to God.

The blessed gift of goodness will flow out of us as a result of our consistent praise and thanks to God. We will begin to catch on that goodness is not a project we are to undertake, but rather, goodness is our way of being. Holy Communion with Jesus means being good because of our deep praise and thanks to God for loving us unconditionally.

In God's Faithful Love,

Fr. Terry