

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 21, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

The greatest gift from God that we carry with us all the time is the gift of faith. Our confident assurance in God's loving presence impacts every aspect of our lives. Faith is formally poured upon us in Baptism, encouraging us to be more Faith-filled every day.

It does take courage to have faith in God but the fruits are persistent healing of our whole person: body, mind, spirit. God so wants to heal us from our mortal frailty that God gives us the Son of God, Jesus, to lay down His life for us and raise it up again. Talk about depth of Love from God who is Love! This is the crux of our reason for having faith—look at how deeply God loves us!

God gives us eternal healing in Christ so that we can live in freedom as God's children which includes being freed up from the fear of facing sin and death. Faith helps to curb our "disturbance" level about life on this earth. We can face each moment of life in Christ and trust that healing will result in a myriad of mysterious ways. What a gift!

Maybe it would help to make a written list of the many good gifts God has given us. It ought to be many pages long; however, on the top of each gift page let us write the gift "FAITH".

With faith in God,

Fr. Terry