

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 27, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

When we consider the number of responsibilities that we have each day it can be daunting. Family, work, retirement, social, education, leisure, exercise are some of the responsibilities that can loom in our daily lives. Trying to peaceably approach these many undertakings can be a challenge unless we remember that Jesus is our most important daily responsibility. To live Christ is to admit that Jesus is the beginning, middle and end point of all other responsibilities we may claim. This is a way of clarifying what it means to lose our life for Christ so that we may continually rise up to new life in Christ.

Christ's faithful oneness with us guides to be loving people with our families, work scenarios, retirement situation, social sphere, educational studies, re-creative leisure, and energizing exercise. Any responsibility we have can be done with love when we live Christ. Jesus is no longer an attachment in our lives, but rather, Jesus is our everything and all else flows out of our oneness with Jesus. At first, we may think this is irresponsible living. However, Holy Communion with Jesus, that is, living Jesus enhances us in being more responsible people because we will be more loving people no matter what our responsibilities.

In Christ's All-Consuming Love,

Fr. Terry