

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 29, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

We continue to see gas prices increase more often than not. It is aggravating to think our gas prices are the highest in the country. That word “increase” when it comes to gas prices does tend to get aggravating. But when it comes to Jesus, we are to revel in how he is to “increase” in our daily life. Jesus is life-giving, not aggravating and we are wise to trust Jesus in our every moment including at the gas pump.

It's ok to pray for decreasing gas prices, but let's also pray that Jesus increases in us (Holy Communion) to the point that we can let go of the “gas” aggravation. In Jesus we can objectively look at high gas prices without identifying with them to where we define how we are doing by the price of gas. Bazaar! Instead, we can see gas prices “out there” on the sign and leave it at that. Yes, it would be nice if gas prices would decrease but only time will tell. In the meantime, let us decrease in our aggravation focus about gas prices. In fact, let us grow in our daily commitment to Jesus, namely, let Jesus increase so much in our Holy Communion hearts that we find inner peace even as we drive into the gas station.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry