

PASTOR'S COLUMN—AUGUST 3, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

What is rather amazing about God's Love for us is that the greatest sign of God's Love is that God reveals His Love through His Son, Jesus, becoming human. The sign of salvation becomes human. This is the highest compliment God can give us, to specifically choose to come into the world via the human avenue.

In our temptation to look for something more spectacular from God, the Good News is that the greatest sign of God's constant presence is Jesus. Our Holy Communion with Jesus at Mass confirms in the Holy Spirit that God is profoundly present in our humanity thanks to Jesus born of Mary.

We cannot improve on the sign of all signs, Jesus, and, thus, we are freed up from thinking we have to find a better sign of God's Love in the world. We simply need to look at ourselves (humans) and look at others (humans) and there he is, Jesus, the sign of God's Love for the world! Look no further than people, because this is God's favorite residency, in us.

We may want to complicate how God is present in the world but there is no need to because God loves us to death and into new life thanks to Jesus becoming human. We are not to down-play Jesus as Son of God but celebrating Jesus' presence in our humanity can do wonders to heighten our awareness that the most special sign of how deeply God Loves us is found in our one humanity.

In Christ's Affirming Love,

Fr. Terry