

PASTOR'S COLUMN—AUGUST 11, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

There is frantic busyness and then there is reflective busyness. Frantic busyness is filled with worry and anxiety about whether we will get done with what we need to do. Reflective busyness points to our being present to Jesus as we do the busyness. When we listen to Jesus within us, we will do what needs to be done without worry and anxiety. This is a major resurrection for us because we are letting go of the illusion of control that worry and anxiety conjure up inside our minds.

Jesus calls us to die to worry and anxiety, period. Stop it! It is a falsity in our lives and tends to trivialize God's relevance in our lives. When we are attentive to Jesus within us, then there is no room for worry and anxiety for all is well in Jesus. We can be busy, busy, but when reflectively busy in Christ, all of life becomes wiser and more peaceable.

To live in Holy Communion with Jesus requires us to die to frantic busyness and rise in reflective busyness in Jesus. We will be amazed at the abundant creative energy we will be blessed with in Christ as a new life result. Worry and anxiety block out creativity in Christ. Taking up our cross in Christ points to dying to the illusion of frantic busyness and rising in reflective busyness in Christ.

In Jesus' wisdom and peace,

Fr. Terry