

PASTOR'S COLUMN—AUGUST 31, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

Sometimes we may think that our treasure in heaven occurs after we leave the earth. And that our time on the earth is to collect treasure for ourselves because we can't take it with us after we die. Let us reconsider this erroneous perspective because Jesus communes with us here on earth to reveal that the treasure in heaven is already here on earth through Christ Jesus Our Savior. God Our Father's eternal life and love is already within us in our Holy Communion with Jesus. Nothing is missing in our lives because Jesus is now within us all the time.

Jesus is our constant treasure now and, thus, all desire for earthly treasures is relativized by our oneness with Jesus. This is the Stewardship leap of faith that proclaims that we own nothing, that all that is good belongs to God. In this "leap" comes abundant generosity because we live Jesus in oneness with Jesus and Jesus is the fullness of generosity. Welcome to the cost of discipleship but also welcome to our treasure in heaven already here on earth. To live Christ is to be generous in Christ.

In God's Ownership,

Fr. Terry