

PASTOR'S COLUMN—SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

We have been reminded in our driving society that distracted driving is dangerous. To keep our eyes on the road is critical for driving safely. We need to give driving our full attention because distracted driving can literally kill us and others.

To drive with our full attention we need to do a lot of “letting go” of what distracts us: radio, CD player, smart phone, texting, shaving, reading the newspaper, reading a book and on-and-on. As to how to “let go” we are wise to turn to our Holy Communion with Jesus. Remembering that Jesus drives with us can give us the strength to say “No” to distracted driving and if we sense a strong desire for some of the above distractions, in Christ we can pull over and stop driving.

Let's face it, it is difficult to give our full attention to driving, but in the Lord Jesus we can more single-mindedly stay in our “lane” of traffic.

The horrible thought of a distracted driving crash that injures or kills is hopefully enough to heighten our need for Jesus for the more centered we are in Holy Communion with Jesus, the safer we will drive.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry