

PASTOR'S COLUMN—SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

Scripture was written a long time ago and sometimes it focused on the end of the world. There was a belief in 1st century A.D. that after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, that the end of the world would soon follow. But here we are 2000 years later and still no end to the world. Let us not fret about this delay because the fulfilling Love of God in Christ is already with us. We cannot improve on how deeply God Love's us now.

God has fulfilled His Saving Love Promise through Jesus' death and resurrection. This happened 2000 years ago! Let us give thanks to God at weekly Eucharist and live more joyous, fulfilled lives in Christ every day. This includes the joy of reaching out to the least of our neighbors with generous stewardship. In our Holy Communion with Jesus we are to bring glad tidings to the poor because the fulfillment of God's Love includes outreach to the least.

Although Jesus fulfilled His Saving Mission a long time ago, the joy of His Saving Oneness continues to unfold in the now. Jesus' affinity with the least persists through the Holy Spirit within us as Jesus' disciples. Let us gratefully be Christ's compassionate outreach to the least because Holy Communion with Christ means Holy Communion with our neighbors including the least.

In Christ's Compassion,

Fr. Terry