

PASTOR'S COLUMN—SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

We may know people who tend to have an answer for everything. They like to get the last word in during a discussion to emphasize they know the answer to any question that may come up in a conversation. This way of thinking and responding can get in the way of faith in Christ.

Faith in our Lord Jesus is based on the mystery of Jesus and how we are at a loss in trying to answer the Jesus question. Our Lord Jesus **is**, and although we have some scripture/tradition details about Jesus, in the final faith analysis Jesus is mystery for us. And it's ok to admit this in our daily lives which can calm us down about trying to have all the answers about life as questions persist.

Our faith in Christ Jesus proclaims that Jesus Our Lord is the one and only savior to the questions of sin and death and Jesus is the answer to all the mystery of daily life. Faith in the mystery of Christ Jesus paradoxically helps us "explain" the mystery of living on this earth. We won't be trying to have the last word in conversations. Rather, we will defer to Jesus as the mysterious last Word made flesh and find ourselves being more consistently silent.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry