

PASTOR'S COLUMN—SEPTMBER 25, 2012

Dear Parishioners:

There is a song from years ago by The Rolling Stones called "Under My Thumb". I think of this song title with respect to the Evil One (EO). The EO tries to get us "under his thumb" with self-doubt and despair. EO tries to snuff us out of life, to make us dead with doubts about our worthwhileness and to paralyze us with hopelessness.

Jesus is in our midst to set us free from the darkness of the EO and to light our lives with self-worth and hope. To be consistently thankful to Jesus is crucial in moving away from darkness to light. Weekly Eucharist (to give thanks) is central to our "light" journey in Christ. It is the Lord Jesus who frees us up from being under the EO's thumb.

Yes, the Rolling Stones inspire me with their "thumb" song to take a look at the Evil One and how stifling the EO can be. Let us together choose Jesus' light of peace and freedom at weekly Eucharist over the darkness of self-doubt and despair that the EO enjoys. Thanking Jesus is a "thumbs up" experience in the faith journey which is most profoundly proclaimed at the weekly Eucharist.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry