

PASTOR'S COLUMN—OCTOBER 20, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

We speak of Jesus being a healer of the human person which includes the greatest healing of all: raising from the dead. Our faith in the risen Jesus makes our faith real because to be healed (risen) from the dead is the cornerstone of why we have faith in Jesus. The big question for us is whether we trust that Jesus raises us from the dead. Do we still have our doubts about Jesus' resurrection credibility? Our faith is meaningless without a risen life perspective. It is God's greatest gift to us through Jesus that not even death can snuff out God's eternal love for us.

Walking around with doubts about risen life will paralyze us from loving because fear of death will become our false god. I suspect that we do not want to worship fear of death so let us remember that Holy Communion with Jesus is oneness with His risen life. Although we are uniquely gifted in many ways, our common gift through the gift of faith is that we are risen life people! Is this not a huge healing paradox since the greatest healing of all occurs when all other healing fails? Death appears to be the end of healing when in the risen Christ, it is the passage way to being raised from the dead which is the most profound healing of all.

Doubts about risen life in Christ can stifle our freedom to live love-filled lives for fear gets in the way. We are gifted with faith in Jesus so let's be thankful for this gift and live it with deeper trust in Our Risen Savior.

Rejoicing with you in the Greatest Gift,

Fr. Terry