

PASTOR'S COLUMN-OCTOBER 21, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

After 8 days of silence in a hermitage, in a forest by a lake, I come back to the "sounds" of St. Joseph's with further awareness of God's awesome love. The sounds of nature including squirrels, wasps, fish, rain and leaves in the wind have a mysterious way of revealing God's presence. But the sound called silence is a profound revealer of God. Eight days of quiet listening is a blessed opportunity for contemplating God's mysterious, faithful presence.

I share this silence journey with you because it points to praying at all times, that is, being alert to God's presence in our every moment. I encourage you to be open to the silence in your life. It may not be 8 straight days of silence but even some time each day for silence can help us be more attuned to God's mysterious, faithful love.

May God's depth of love revealed in Jesus the Son of God soothe you each day in the well-spring of silence. Peace.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry