

PASTOR'S COLUMN—OCTOBER 27, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

It is rather humorous to see how many drugs are advertised that proclaim better intimacy. Such a clinical and superficial approach to intimacy! God our Father clarifies that the core of intimacy is His own Son, Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. The Word of God penetrates our human depths with divine Wisdom, enlivening us in love for God and neighbor that can leave us speechless.

Our approach to reading/reflecting on God's Word (Scripture) is to be humble receptivity to the eternal depths that Jesus can take us. We are not to be flippant or superficial about hearing/receiving God's Word for God's Message of truth is intimacy at its deepest. Our faith opens us to authentic intimacy in Christ whether it be in the Sacrament of Marriage or in Christ-centered friendship. The deeper our understanding of God's depth of intimacy in God's Word made flesh, the more the light of God's Love will radiate out of us toward God and our neighbors.

There are many useful drugs out there but the "intimacy" drugs are a misnomer because they give the impression that intimacy means a physical act. Authentic intimacy is revealed in Jesus on the inner level of the Holy Spirit. The more we humbly wait upon God's Word and give it time to permeate our depths, the more authentic intimacy will arise in us making us the light of God's Love for the world.

In Christ's Intimacy of Love,

Fr. Terry