

PASTOR'S COLUMN—NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

At times we may think that people like Blessed Mother Mary are favored by God and that we are not favored by God. And yet Mary would be quick to remind us that she is a lowly servant of the Lord. That we are too through Baptism, lowly servants of the Lord. We along with Mary share the gift of faith in how God does great things for all of us as revealed in Jesus. God does what is impossible for us humans: God saves us from sin and death.

We join Mary in the gift of faith and are stirred within to trust God at all times especially when life seems impossible. This includes challenges that arise in our lives be they health-related, finance concerns, family uncertainties, job instability, or simply our mortality. No matter what we must face, all is well thanks to the gift of faith. We can join Mary in asking God: "How can this be?" And like her, wait for God's response in the Silence.

Yes, in the Silence is where we discover on the faith-level that all is well. In the Silence we join Mary and proclaim that all is well because God is ever faithful to us in Christ. Now this does not mean that life's challenges go away, but our faith-approach in the Silence leads us to join Mary to confidently proclaim to God: "Your Will Be Done". And God's Will surprises us as it did Mary and God's Will eases and simplifies life because God is. Through faith we are all favored with God's eternal possibilities.

In God's Faithfulness,

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