

PASTOR'S COLUMN—NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

The root of unfaithfulness to God is thinking of ourselves as more important than God. Injustice towards our neighbors is fostered by a self-will outlook on life. Simplicity of life is the remedy for our unfaithfulness to God for God's Will encourages us to travel light in our pilgrimage of faith. Specifically, we are to go through life carrying the Word of God with us. Yup, a bible in the car or on the kitchen table or in the laundry room. Having scripture available to us more consistently will help us to let go of our self-will and discern more faithfully God's Will.

God's Word needs lots of room to fill us with saving truth which includes justice towards the least of our neighbors. God's Will revealed in God's Word, Jesus, is the great unifier of the human community. When Jesus speaks in the Gospel about who are members of His family, he indicates that those who hear the Word of God and put God's Word into loving, justice-seeking action are members of Jesus' family. Our common spiritual bond with one another is God's Word which reveals God's unifying Will.

To be faithful to God is a goodness-seeking journey with Jesus whose self-emptying example encourages us to be emptied of our self-will and be more consistently open to God's Will. Our lives will simplify in our single-heartedness in Christ and love will simplify our view of our neighbors. The one family of God's Kingdom is brought together in God's saving Will revealed in God's Word.

United with you in God's Word,

Fr. Terry