

## PASTOR'S COLUMN—NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

There are many a sign shingle posted in front of business establishments that proclaim that an expert CPA, attorney, medical doctor, dentist, travel agent, financial adviser, are available to assist us. The assumption is that when we walk into one of these offices, there is an expert in our midst. We end up paying a lot of money for expert help but we are likely to say that it is worth the expense.

Hopefully, we would proclaim Jesus to be the expert on saving humanity from sin and death. The sign “shingle” that he puts out for us is His Cross and as we take up our cross to follow Christ, we carry the expert Jesus within us; Holy Communion. We don't pay Jesus big money for salvation since it is gift from God. However, the cost of discipleship is the daily sacrifice of ourselves to Christ where we humbly admit our complete dependence on Our Lord for salvation. We ourselves may proclaim that we are experts in a particular field of work, but no matter how sophisticated we may be in the work place, we are utterly inept at bringing salvation to the world without the greatest expert of all—Jesus.

The Psalmist writes about how great people are an illusion. True greatness is found in living humbly in Christ, admitting our great poverty before the Lord. Jesus is the greatest of all because in bringing the divine into the human we carry Christ's expert saving love within us at all times. It does not matter whose expert office we enter because Christ's saving “shingle” is hanging up in every office. Oh, it may not be a for real cross on the office wall, but the loving effects of Christ crucified/risen permeates every office for his salvation is for the world.

In Christ's Expertness,

Fr. Terry