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Dear Parishioners;

Are we convinced that God never separates from us? Sometimes we might think that God takes a break from us especially when we sin, similar to how parents sometimes send their child to their room because they misbehaved. Jesus clarifies that God never sends us to our room for sinning for God never separates from us. Our sin tends to separate us from God in our own minds and hearts but that does not mean that God separates from us. This is a key faith issue because there may be times when we get angry at God for not being there for us in a particular event, including sin situations. As a result, we project our separation from God onto God, believing that God abandons us at certain times. No! God is always faithful to us as revealed in our Holy Communion with Christ who nudges us in the Holy Spirit through healthy guilt to admit that at times our sin scenarios “muddy” our faith in God’s constant faithfulness.

Nothing can separate us from God’s Love including sin because as Scripture points out to us: God proves God’s Love for us that while we were sinners, God sent us Jesus to reconcile us in his mercy and forgiveness. Thus, we are wise to humble down in our separation tendencies resulting from sin, to consistently repent from our sin as inspired by God’s inner communication called healthy guilt. In particular, we need to repent of thinking that God separates from us. Instead, we need to acknowledge that God is always faithful to us and that conversion for us includes being more faithful to God’s faithfulness.

In the Joy of God’s Faithfulness,

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