

PASTOR'S COLUMN—NOVEMBER 17, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

Within our culture there is a lot of attention placed on the external appearances of people. This is fine as long as we don't base a person's worth on their external appearance. Jesus comes into the inner depths of people via the Holy Spirit. The gift of faith resides in our depths so it would make sense to want to be aware of our inner faith journey. In particular, genuine freedom flows out of our faith pilgrimage as Christ sets us free from the inner musings about sin and death and replaces them with joy and love welling up out of us in the light of the Holy Spirit.

The more inner lead we are through faith, the more we see that life is eternally blessed in Christ the source of true freedom. As we grow in our daily faith, we more vigilantly notice how we humans are temples of the Holy Spirit deep within us. Our essential "appearance" is portrayed in the mysterious, invisible presence of God's Will and God's Love within us. The more alert we are to our "faith insides", the more our outside appearance is fine with the beautiful gift of Christ's transforming love oozing out of every pore of our flesh and blood humanity.

We are hollow human "shells" without an inner faith life in Christ. Let us claim it with gratitude and live it more vigilantly for to be fully human we must see our inner appearance as critical to our external appearance.

In Christ's Beauty,

Fr. Terry