

PASTOR'S COLUMN--DECEMBER 2, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

With the Christmas shopping season unfolding, we need some discipleship perspective in Christ. Societally we are encouraged to get into a shopping frenzy for a month leading up to Christmas Day. Perhaps in the light of Jesus, we can approach Christmas Shopping with less frenzy and more reflectiveness. We can act more peaceably on-line or in the store and be thankful for the resources to be Christmas Shopping in the first place.

"Thank you" after Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful way to keep perspective on the 4 weeks of Advent leading up to Jesus' Nativity. As people of the weekly Eucharist, where the word "Eucharist" means to "give thanks", we can be strengthened in conscious awareness that Christmas gift shopping is not a compulsion, but rather, a blessed opportunity to gratefully share the fruits of God's generosity with others.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry