

PASTOR'S COLUMN—DECEMBER 9, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

The rule of the road for following cars in traffic is to not tail-gate. Keeping a safe following distance helps us avoid crashing into somebody's car trunk. The rule of the discipleship "road" in following Jesus is to "tail-gate" Jesus into Holy Communion with Our Lord. No need to be concerned about "crashing" into Jesus because he is born into our humanity to "crash" through sin and death and reestablish oneness between the divine and the human.

To further explicate: it is no "accident" that God is always with us in Christ via the Holy Spirit. God freely chose to love us humans first, to death and into new life. We are wise not to keep a safe "following distance" from Jesus but rather to revel in our daily "crashes into" the depth of God's Love.

God's rules are not our rules including when it comes to following God's call to discipleship in Christ. The last thing God wants from us is to keep our distance from Jesus the Savior. For Our Lord will not "accidentally" injure us. Rather, Jesus is the constant divine presence made flesh within humans all the way into eternal life.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry