

PASTOR'S COLUMN—DECEMBER 16, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

Some of the most artistic baking of the year occurs at Christmas time. From gingerbread to spritz to nut-roll and rum balls and, oh yes, fruit cake. A buffet of sweets can permeate our homes, work space and wherever the party is taking place. Such tantalizing aromas and tastes might lead us to think that the variations on sweets seem to be endless.

However, sweet baking creativity does have an end no matter how long the buffet. But thanks be to God for the endless, eternal “sweetness” in Jesus born of Mary. As savior of the world, Jesus gives us mercy/forgiveness and eternal life. This dual “buffet” of salvation does not deplete or get stale but rather continues to expand as God’s Kingdom of Love continues to grow here on earth.

The more we have “taste buds” for Jesus’ presence at weekly Eucharist in His real Body and Blood presence, the easier it will be for us to more peaceably see artistic Christmas baking with its’ limitations. After all, the “sweetness” of Christ’s birth and resulting saving peace for the world is eternally unlimited, leading us not to a “buffet” but rather, to the heavenly banquet!

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry