

PASTOR'S COLUMN—DECEMBER 30, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

I went to a rock concert way back and found the music played so loud that my ears were ringing for hours after the concert. I have learned from others with hearing difficulties that repeated loud noise can cause permanent hearing loss. Eric Clapton is one example of a rock star whose hearing has diminished over the years.

Be it loud music, factory noise, or hereditary factors, hearing loss is a hassle. However, whether our ears work right or not we can continue to be faithful “hearers” of God’s Word. After all, Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, born of Mary, to help us more faithfully “hear” God’s saving Word.

Sin points us to “hearing loss” when it comes to God’s Word because sin is like loud noise that can “ring in our faith ears” to the point of gradually “deafening” us to God’s wisdom and truth. To be “deaf” to God’s Word is our demise because we will end up making destructive choices.

Loud noise can cause hearing loss; ask Eric Clapton. Sin “noise” can cause “hearing God’s Word” loss. Neither hearing loss is desirable, but becoming “deaf” to God’s wisdom and truth is more serious because of its’ resulting loss of inner peace within the human heart.

Happy New Year in Christ,

Fr. Terry