

Christ the Servant Parish: A Radical Way of Life

Last week in the homily, we were reminded that we are called as disciples – Christians – Catholics to live a radical way of life. The word “*radical*” I remind you means “going below the surface.” Medically we use it to describe serious and invasive surgery. So as parishioners of Christ the Servant we are called to a radical way of life – day to day living – that is deeper than a surface or superficial existence.



The Word of God is a living word. Jesus is the living Word of God, who was able to do the mission of God – inviting persons to recognize that they are lovable. This is not a surface “*love-ability*” but a radical “*love-ability*,” one that goes to the very core of who we are as persons and every other person that walks this earth.

How many times in our lives do we experience a love that is merely a surface love or a conditional love? I will love you **IF**... I will love you **AS LONG AS**...I will love you **UNTIL**...I will love **PROVIDED**. Each becomes a preface to a conditional love.

Our mission as Christ the Servant is to **replicate and RE-PRESENT** God’s love to the world. As Christ the Servant in this acre of God’s world we are called to live below the surface. This is a challenge for us as both a parish community and as a parish community with a school – both called to be living signs of God’s unconditional love.

Isn’t it amazing how God just loves us, without a lot of “**IF’s**” LGaetano