

A Message from Fr. Jim

In today's second reading, St. Paul makes it easy for us. Easy in what way? He makes it easy for us to evaluate how our relationship is with God.

He speaks of two men. The first man, Adam, "became a living being"; the last Adam, (Jesus Christ) "A life giving spirit." He goes on to say that the first Adam is earthly. In other words, he not only comes for the earth but is bound to the earth by what he values and desires. This first man's attachment to worldly things causes him pain, grief and death (Gn chapter 3). The first Adam chose what he valued and treasured the most. He chose the treasure of this world, coveting and choosing his relationship with Eve, his created wife, over the relationship with his most wise and loving creator.

The "last Adam," Jesus Christ, is "spiritual and heavenly". Just as the first Adam was bound to what he desired so the last Adam is bound to what he desires and chooses, Heaven! Heaven, the will of His Father, is Jesus' treasure. Nothing else matters. So, what the first Adam abdicated, the last Adam regained, eternal heavenly life.

When people look at us do they see the image of the earthly one, or the heavenly one? Which image do we bear?

God Bless,
Fr. Jim