

## Fr. Matt's Musings December 16, 2020

In less than a month, I will have a "zero" birthday. I will turn 60, and I know that age is relative. That is, because to some, 60 sounds old. But to others, 60 sounds fairly young. It is one reminder to me of the gift, importance, and fragility of time.

This Advent season also reminds us of the uncertainty of time. During this season, we celebrate the two comings of Christ. We remember his coming in our flesh, but we also look forward to his coming again in glory. It helps us to break through the illusion that we have endless time.

It also tells us that each day, each hour, and each moment is unique and irreplaceable. Throughout my ministry as a priest, I have come in contact with people who have lost a loved one. So many express great gratitude for the love they have shared and received with the person they have lost. However, I have also been with those who have regrets of angry words or unresolved conflicts at the time of the loved one's death.

Time flies; it's a waste of time; take your time; time is money. This Advent, let us spend the precious, blessed, fragile gift of time with all the care and attention it deserves.

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