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## Fr. Matt's Musings

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Spring has been a tease this year. There have been a few days of sun and warmth, but we have had far more days of wind, cold and often times clouds as well. The past two days have shown the power of spring as nature has exploded in color and promise. Tomorrow will be two weeks since we celebrated Easter. Life exploded on Easter Sunday with wonder and awe. In these two weeks, how have we celebrated new life, given thanks for the gift of salvation in Christ and dedicated ourselves to be an Easter people? Sometimes, I think it is more comfortable to journey the Lenten season with its call to discipline, mortification and sacrifice (giving something up). In many parishes, daily Mass attendance goes up during the forty days of Lent. Maybe Lent gives us the idea that we have more control since we can choose what practices we will undertake.

Lent is very important as a time to prepare for Easter. I take these past two days as a reminder and a gift that Alleluia is our cry. Easter, new life are gifts as is faith. Just like faith, we must be open to the new life that the Lord offers us during these five weeks of Easter. Spring has sprung. Christ is Risen and we share in that victory over sin and death. Where do we need to embrace new life? What needs to be shed so that we can become more fully that beloved son or daughter God calls us to

be and an even more faithful disciple and gift to God's people?  
Happy Easter! Alleluia! We still have several weeks of Easter yet  
to celebrate! Let us be confident and vigilant in praying for and  
seeking the new life that we need and that God offers.

Live Jesus!

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