

## Fr. Matt's Musing's January 26, 2018

## Love One Another

Three words, fourteen letters, the second half of the greatest commandment, and, for me, this is the greatest challenge in the spiritual life. For Matthew, the standard is how we love our enemies. For Luke, the challenge is to love the next person, whoever he or she may be. The gospel consensus is that the love of God can never be separated from our love of one another, and we cannot always choose that other.

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. Our lives are meant to be in service to others. In French, the words love (amour) and death (mort) are only separated by a few letters. Love is always connected to death: my will, my selfishness and the choice or attempt to be bigger than I currently am. Serve, forgive, include, welcome and be bigger than you ever imagined. These are commands I give to myself and invite you to think of for yourself. In the end, there is faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is always love. Love! Love well! Love this day! Love all those the Lord has blessed you with in your life! There is no real life without love. Love!

Live Jesus! Fr. Matt

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