



Fr. Matt's Musings

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This week, two men died leaving a hole in the lives of their families and a personal loss for me as well. Tom was only a year older than I and suffered from a very rare form of cancer and tried every treatment, including experimental ones, to see if he could be a help to those whose treatments would follow him. Bob was the same age as my mom and considered me part of his family. His death was much more in season but very painful to those who love him. St. Francis de Sales reminds us that every life is unique and unrepeatable. That is the gift we are to one another and the gift we are from God. It is also why there is a void when any of us is gone and a hole and ache left with those who choose to love. It is the price of love. I leave you with this writing called "The Gap." I think it sums up the pain we feel at the loss of those we love. I hope it also gives you some comfort in missing those whom you have recently or long ago lost.

THE GAP

Nothing can make up for the absence of someone whom we
love,
and it would be wrong to try to find a substitute: we must simply
hold out and see it through. That sounds very hard at first,
but at the same time it is a great consolation, for the gap,
as long as it remains unfilled, preserves the bond between us.
It is nonsense to say God fills the gap; He does not fill it.
But on the contrary, He keeps it empty and so helps us
to keep alive our former communion with each other,
even at the cost of pain. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Live Jesus!
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