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## Fr. Matt's Musings

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#### *Spiritual Lateness*

Progress in the spiritual life is often times gradual and even hidden. For those who like to measure growth, this can be frustrating or unsettling. I am late with this musing. I have had writer's block despite my attempts Friday and Saturday to write something. I finally decided to reflect about that. Frequently, we Americans evaluate life through the eyes of hard work and successes. The spiritual life is measured by fidelity and trust. Our faithfulness is to our prayer life and attempt to live the gospel of love on a daily basis. Our trust is in the God of love who knows our hearts and blesses our efforts.

I take comfort in one of last century's spiritual writers, Thomas Merton, who wrote about knowing God's will. He said that even if he thinks he is following God's will, he is not sure that is the case. He concludes that his desire to follow God's will must be pleasing to God. Let's remember that when it seems that making progress in the spiritual life is late in coming, as is this musing. Let us conclude that our desire to be faithful (and our efforts to do so) must be pleasing to God!

Live Jesus!

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