



Fr. Matt's Musings

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Mystery

Happy Advent! This weekend, we begin the new liturgical year and the Advent season. Frequently, Advent is emphasized as a season of anticipation, preparation, light and darkness, hope, promise and fulfillment in preparation for the two comings of Christ: his earthly life and his future coming in glory. Yet, we can also view Advent as our own living the Paschal Mystery of Christ's life, suffering death and resurrection. Unlike popular crime show mysteries or our favorite mystery writers, not all mysteries are meant to be solved. Some mysteries are meant to be lived and their meaning plunged. This Advent, I am choosing to approach Advent with wonder and awe:

Wonder. At a moment in time, God chose to dignify (glorify) our nature, our flesh by becoming one of us. He chose to experience our joys, loves, sorrows, sufferings and death.

Awe. The author of life, the God of the universe, not only fashions, molds and calls us by name, but has prepared a place for us to be with God in the heavenly reign forever. The God of life and love wants to be in relationship with us and forever.

How mysterious it is that this God has such a profound love for each of us!

The only response to such a wonderful mystery is for wonder and awe to move us to gratitude to God and to imitation of Jesus' generous life of loving service. Have a *Wonder-ful, Awe-filled* Advent!

Live Jesus!

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