



Fr. Matt's Musings

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How many more days until Christmas?

When I was growing up, it seemed like the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas would never end. The arrival of the Advent calendar, with its seemingly never ending window of dates to open and mark the coming of December 25th, did not help to stem the anticipation. There is something infectious about that childhood excitement and lack of time perspective: Are we there yet? How many more days until my birthday? I am going to check the computer to see where Santa is now.

As we get older, we live with the illusion that we can tame time. We live by calendars and schedule our days very carefully. I am a single man, so I can only imagine how important it is to coordinate all the various commitments of each member of the family. This Advent season asks us to celebrate, honor and be grateful for the time we have.

"Be ready! Repent! You know not the hour." These Advent statements are all expressions of our acknowledgement of the gift and fragility of time. Live intentionally, responsibly, seriously and gratefully, playfully, prayerfully and spontaneously. Live joyfully, carefully, simply and fully the gift God has called you, fashioned you and sent you to be to your world. That is a priceless and timeless gift because you and I are meant to live that every day.

Live Jesus!
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P.S. I am a day late with this musing. Sorry! Hopefully, you did not live yesterday too anxiously wondering whether or not it

would arrive. Enjoy the snow!

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