



Fr. Matt's Musings

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*In the end, it's not going to matter how many breaths you took,
but how many moments took your breath away. (Shing Xiong)*

*It is not the number of years in a person's life that counts,
but the life in those years. (St. Francis de Sales)*

*Before our eyes learned to look gratefully at the world,
we expected to find beauty in good looking things.
But grateful eyes expect the surprise of finding beauty
in all things. (Steindl-Rast)*

November reminds us of the importance of gratitude, wonder and awe. Fall colors, a God who celebrates saints and wants us to be among them now and forever, and the fourth Thursday of the month when we gather as family and friends simply to share a festive meal. These are November moments that tell us that wonder, awe and gratitude need to characterize our everyday living. St. Paul tells us to dedicate ourselves to gratitude. The Dominican mystic Meister Eckhardt wrote that if the only prayer we ever remember is, "Thank you, Lord," ours is a rich prayer life. Be grateful and look for the wonder and awe that God fills with each moment, each encounter and each day.

Live Jesus!

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