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Always Ready

This past Saturday, I celebrated the funeral of a retired Coast Guard admiral. In preparation for the homily, I discovered that the Coast Guard motto is Always Ready. It caused me to think about those two words, and I realized that I needed to distinguish always ready from always prepared. We can never be prepared for some moments in life: unexpected sickness, sudden death, unforeseen separation, surprise parties or visits, etc.

Always ready is a response to the various events and moments of life. It is a willingness to enter into those often messy times to offer support, comfort and the assurance that others do not have to go those moments alone. It is easy to celebrate the joyful surprises. I think one mark of a strong Christian community is its readiness and willingness to laugh with those who laugh and weep with those who weep. (St. Paul) St. Paul also writes that the community is only as strong as its weakest member. Let us be ready to reach out to all members and ready to accept the help and support when the unexpected takes us by surprise.

Live Jesus!

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