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Father Matt's Musings

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People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within. (Kubler-Ross)

Even though the days are lengthening after the winter solstice, the days remain short and the darkness is long. I love the longer days and the abundance of light, but the above-mentioned quote is a reminder to me of the importance of that internal light. At our baptism, we received a candle and were charged with the command, "Receive the light of Christ." In Matthew's gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that they are the light of the world. I have shared with the community that OLG C is set upon a hill and cannot be hidden, so we must let our light shine.

Today is a bright, sunny day. However, the sun will set around five o'clock. There is still more darkness than light during our days. That is also sometimes true in our spiritual journey. Let us pray for two important "g"s. We pray for gratitude for the light and clarity that we receive in life. We also pray for the grace to live well through the dark moments, confident in God's presence, love, and guidance to proceed with that light that God shines within each of us.

Live Jesus!

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