Father Matt's Musings
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No matter how far we travel, we always bring our baggage.

Airline travel has become more and more complicated. Security lines, delays, less and less legroom and the sheer number of travelers can cause for a certain amount of anxiety about a trip to the airport. For me, the number one challenge is seeking patience as I witness the attempt to stuff oversized bags into upper compartments. When we travel, we bring our bags, and so many of them seem to be heavy and oversized. That was my original image after reading the above-mentioned quote.

Upon further reflection, I returned to the thought of carry-on luggage. I try never to check a bag. Even so, sometimes I bring too many, unnecessary items. However, it is manageable, able to be carried and filled with so many other useful and needed goods. In our life's journey, let's try to pack for carry-on items. Happy memories, joyful times, love given and received are all light enough to take with us. We can even pack a few hurts, disappointments and pains and still make it manageable. It is the overstuffed bags of resentment, anger, hate, bias, stifling fear and refusal to forgive that can be so heavy and so burdensome that they weigh us down and will never fit in the on-board compartments.

Years ago, I was talking with someone about some anger I felt around a past event. The response was, "What would your life be like without that anger?" I thought it was the perfect remedy. Let's pack our bags carefully as we travel through life. I pray that they never have to be checked in. Happy travels!

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