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Fr. Matt's Musings

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Go back to normal or moving forward

In Luke's gospel, Jesus has one journey and that is to Jerusalem. Luke states that Jesus set his face to Jerusalem and did not look back (9:51). St. Francis de Sales describes each new day as a newly fallen snowstorm: pure, undefiled, and unmarked. It waits for us to place our mark on it.

As we move through the pandemic and witness the lessening of Covid restrictions, I ask us to reflect on the title of this musing. Is it possible to go back to what was before or, as some have said, to go back to normal? I do not think that going back is realistic. Too many things have changed. Some of us are unmasked and others feel more comfortable with the masks in large crowds. We have installed three cameras in the church so that we can continue to live stream masses and funerals and weddings. Some among us feel comfortable going back to work in an office and others prefer to be able to work at home.

Pope Francis reflects this sentiment in his book, *Let Us Dream*, when he states: "from this crisis we can come out better or worse. We can slide backward, or we can create something new. For now, what we need is the chance to change, to make space for the new thing we need." (P. 4)

Let us move forward. To do so, we need to be patient with one another and listen to each other as we discuss how OLGC will bring with us what has been and is essential to who we are as a community. I ask us also to be open to the new direction the Spirit will lead us.

Please share with me what positive experiences or changes you encountered from the COVID experience that you bring to the Community and what can we as the OLGC Community - Stronger Together bring into the new reality so we can share those thoughts with the community.

Live Jesus!

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