



Fourth Week of Advent
Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020

Bella Duray, a Senior, shares her reflections on today's Scripture readings.



MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10, 14; LK 1:57-66

In these three readings, a common theme that I found was the excitement in waiting and preparation for the Lord that entails. In my life I know I can get caught up in worrying about other things like school activities, grades, and friends, but I need to remember how important it is to take time for prayer in preparation for Christmas where we recognize the birth of Jesus. I can do this by sitting down and talking to God about my life and tell Him how grateful I am for everything that He does for me and those around me. This can be challenging to find time for, for many people considering the time we are in and how stressful that can be, but even just five minutes in prayer can make all the difference to improve our disposition going into the Christmas season. I think the main takeaway from these readings is that we should be excited about Christmas for the sake of Jesus, and try to spend less time focusing on the other kinds of excitement that come with it. I think we can all get a little caught up in the material idea of Christmas and all of the presents. There is absolutely nothing wrong with being excited about the gift part, we just can't let it distract from the true meaning of Christmas and the eternal excitement of salvation. A way that I am going to try to give this year in the advent season is by helping my parents out with the music at our Christmas church services to bring some joy to our fellow parishioners.

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