



Second Week of Advent
Thursday, December 10th, 2020

Grace Adams, a junior, shares her reflections on today's Scripture readings.



IS 41:13-20; PS 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13AB; MT 11:11-15

In today's readings, the focus is on the nature of God. How merciful and compassionate and helpful He is to us and all His children. The first reading says "I will help you, says the Lord" and then gives examples of how God will answer the prayers of the needy and afflicted and how He will not forsake them. This shows God's love, care and compassion for all of us and specifically those in need.

During the holidays most people are focused on gifts. Whether it be making their own wish lists or shopping for presents for their loved ones, a lot of people are focused on trivial objects and presents. These objects distract us from the more important things we should be focusing on during this time. Giving your time and efforts to help others and especially those in need is so meaningful and in doing this we become more like God in how He answers the prayers of the needy and afflicted. Through actions such as volunteering or participating in a charity food or clothes drive, we exemplify behavior similar to that of Jesus by taking time to put others before ourselves.

As we enter the second half of this Advent season, I pray that we all seek to be like Jesus and be gracious and helpful to everyone around us especially during this holiday season. I pray that we look to put others before ourselves and take time to participate in a charity drive to help those in need. Give thought to how God treats us with kindness and mercy. I pray that we use how God treats us and treat everyone that way because we are all sinners and if God can forgive and treat us with mercy then we can do the same for others.

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