



**Second Week of Advent**  
**Saturday, December 12th, 2020**

*Connor Moriarty, a Junior, shares his reflections on today's Scripture readings.*



ZEC 2:14-17; JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38

Often in our lives, we forget to listen to God and forget that he has a plan for us. Today's reading, from Luke, helps us remember that we should say yes to God in our lives and listen to his plan for us, just like how Mary did to the angel Gabriel. When Mary says to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" she is saying yes to God and willing to accept anything that God asks of her. I'm sure Mary felt overwhelmed when asked to be the mother of God, but yet, she still was willing to because she knew God had a plan for her. It can sometimes be difficult in our lives not only to listen to God, but then also be willing to fulfill our role that he has cast upon us. We often get distracted with school, sports and social media, especially around the Christmas season, that make us forget to pray to God and listen to him for how he wants us to live our own personal lives. But, if we help the needy in our community by serving, treating others how we would like to be treated and pray to God on a daily basis, we can make sure that we are fulfilling our roles.

Speaking of getting distracted, we often find ourselves distracted from the true meaning of Christmas during the Advent season. We get excited to see the Christmas decorations, the joyful music, the unforgettable movies and snow! While these things are somewhat important to Christmas and are a good thing to enjoy, we should instead be more focused on the reason we celebrate Christmas, Jesus Christ. During the season of Advent, especially this year, we must remember that God sent his only son to die for us, so that we can have eternal life. So, as you are waiting for Jesus' birth this advent and lighting your advent candles, try to ignore distractions and be thankful for all of the beautiful gifts God has given you, from a home, to food, to a family that loves you, and so much more. During this different Christmas season than normal, know that God has a plan for you and loves you just as much as everyone else, even if sometimes it doesn't seem that way. God Bless and Merry Christmas.

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