



Third Week of Advent
Monday, December 14th, 2020

Christopher Taylor, a Senior, shares his reflections on today's Scripture readings.



NM 24:2-7, 15-17A; PS 25:4-5AB, 6, 7BC, 8-9; MT 21:23-27

Yesterday, on the third Sunday of Advent, we celebrated joy by lighting the pink candle on the advent wreath. In a world that is shadowed by tragedy and anger, we need to take a step back and look for the joy in life. Throughout 2020, people are distraught and upset at the world. We need to look to the future and trust in God that He has a plan. Maybe during this time we start to appreciate the small things in life that we find joy in. Look for them and recognize the joy that these small moments bring to you and to others. In yesterday's Gospel, John the Baptist is questioned about if he is the Messiah. John says he is not, but he is "the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord'" We should follow John's example and prepare ourselves to meet Jesus joyfully. We should treat others with kindness and serve them. John the Baptist knew that he wasn't the chosen one but was still excited and joyful for the coming of Jesus. We need to stay faithful throughout these times. Between finals exams, Christmas shopping, and social distancing there are a lot of stressful events happening in our world right now. We need to find the joy in everything that we do to prepare ourselves during this Advent. With Christmas approaching, how can we prepare the way for Jesus and bring joy to others?

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