



Third Week of Advent
Tuesday, December 15th, 2020

Mr. Joe Hansen, Principal, shares his reflections on today's Scripture readings.



ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; MT 21:28-32

A principal's life is full of worries. Student academic success, teacher morale, enrollment, funding, staffing...this list is enormous. Yet one of my biggest worries as a principal is the fact that high school kids often have moments where they do not feel worthy of God's love. Perhaps a previous mistake or bad choice has made them feel like they are not deserving of God's love. I try to remind students that God's mercy is bigger than any of their mistakes. We have to always remember that no sin is too big for God's forgiveness and that God's grace is always enough.

Today's Gospel is a beautiful reminder that the invitation to answer God's call is always there, even if your original response is no. In the parable of the two sons each son is given the same command to go and work in the vineyard. The first son responds, "I will not" while the second son responds, "Yes sir." We soon discover that the first son has a change of heart. While his original response was to turn away from work, we find out that he eventually embraces the challenge. The second son has a different change of heart. Although he originally signals yes, he turns away from the work in the vineyard.

At the end of this parable Jesus asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The first son, who originally sins by refusing to work in the vineyard, and later changes his mind and becomes a believer. He responds to the challenge to become a worker in the vineyard. His original answer of no did not matter.

Each day God is calling to embrace the tough challenges that come our way. He wants us to go to work and help build his Kingdom. Even if our original response is "I will not" God still wants us to answer His call.

I remember hearing a priest say, "When you take one step towards God He takes ten steps towards you." So during Advent season, let's all take that first step towards God.

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