



Third Week of Advent
Friday, December 18th, 2020

Nicholas Mates, a Junior, shares his reflections on today's Scripture readings.



JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25

Many times throughout our life, we can lose trust in ourselves and become lost. In the readings today, the main focus is courage. In the first reading, God speaks of the days when all of his children will “dwell in security”. He gives a new light for the Israelites in fear that they might not see freedom ever in their lives. In the Gospel, Matthew explains the events leading up to Jesus’s birth. Even though Joseph thought his betrothed Mary had a son without him, he stuck with her. God came to him and told him “do not be afraid”. Joseph puts his whole trust in God that he will be the father of Jesus. Many times in our lives, situations can get out of hand and we might feel as though there is nothing to do. Rather than do nothing, we can put our trust in God that he will have us come out of a troubling situation as a better person.

When you think of courage, what do you normally think of? A big, strong person? Or do you think of an everyday normal person. We forget that everyone has courage in their own ways. Everyone has their own battles they must fight and some get lost in their battles. Whenever you feel lost, try turning to God. Especially during this pandemic, it might seem hard to reach out to people who could normally help you. Instead of just reaching out to a friend or family member that you normally talk to, try reaching out to God. Even a short prayer or talk with God before you go to sleep can help. During these challenging times, we must think of others hardships and be thankful for our own lives. All of us are blessed with beautiful lives that we must take advantage of. I encourage you to pray to God when you lose yourself.

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