



**Third Week of Advent**  
**Saturday, December 19th, 2020**

*Osinachi Osuji, a Senior, shares her reflections on today's Scripture readings.*



JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25

Today's readings share the theme of gifts. In the first reading and in our gospel, an angel of the lord visits two women who are barren. He gives them the good news that soon they will conceive and bear a son. The thought of new life for these families is a joyful thing. Their praises will forever be sung. The angel in the gospel appearing to Zacariah gave him a message. He told him that his son will help turn the children of Israel to the lord. The message shown through this gospel is trust in God's will and turn to him, the one true lord. It is so difficult for many people, whether they are my age or older, to trust the message and will that God is relaying to them. As a student it is also difficult to find time, where I'm not studying or cheering at games, and talk to God. But when I do find that time, even if it's a couple of minutes, I am always joyful to experience that time with God. Advent is a time of fervent waiting for the birth of our lord Jesus Christ. I hope to give my time with my parish during the upcoming weeks and with food banks to give joy to people I need. Through giving joy to others we may experience joy and humble ourselves down and listen to the will of God being expressed to us through service. Throughout the next week we should all continue to keep hope and await the joy from the birth of the messiah. In the end, the long wait will bring us joy and peace to last through this liturgical season.

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