



Fourth Week of Advent
Monday, December 21st, 2020

Joe Mees, a Senior, shares his reflections on today's Scripture readings.

[SG 2:8-14 or ZEP 3:14-18a; PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; LK 1:39-45](#)



The Christmas season is something that most people get excited for. I definitely look forward to this season because of the traditions my family has. Every year, as a family, we go to mass and celebrate the birth of Jesus at our home parish of IHM. The readings of the Christmas season are very well known, as we've been taught them from a very young age. Looking into today's reading, the main theme of Jesus coming runs throughout. In the first reading, it says, "Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love." This quote displays the way that the Lord is coming at that He is coming to save us from our sins. Similarly, in the Gospel reading for today Mary goes to her sister's house and discusses her situation with Elizabeth. Elizabeth assures Mary, saying, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth explains to Mary that she must believe in God's plan and help bring Jesus into the world. Taking these scripture readings into our lives, we must realize that God has a plan for us, just as he had for Mary, and that Jesus is there to guide us through good and bad times. Bringing this into our day to day lives, we must realize what God is trying to say in these readings. I believe that he is trying to depict how we should live our lives in conjunction with following the gospel and how we follow God's plan for us. Bringing this back to Christmas, these readings bring our anticipation of the coming of Jesus, and bringing the true meaning of Christmas to fruition, which is to appreciate and celebrate the coming of Jesus.

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