



**Second Week of Advent**  
**Wednesday, December 9th, 2020**

*Mary Mastrian, a junior, shares her reflections on today's Scripture readings.*



Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." As you are reading today's scripture, reflect closely on this verse. In times of doubt and pain, seek shelter in Christ and God. When Jacob doubted the Lord and God, he was refuted with the line that says "the LORD is the eternal God." God is the solution to all of our problems and has the power to lead us down the path of righteousness. All you need to do, you might ask, is trust. Trust in the Lord your God for he is our protector. Better yet, God wants you to turn to him during the uncertain times. Currently, people everywhere can relate to the feeling of uncertainty right now. However, look at the responsorial psalm: "He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction." Go on back and reread that. Today's reading could not relate more to the turmoil that sweeps through the country right now. Through all the pain, suffering, worry, and stress, God is there for you. Furthermore, God does not judge you even in the slightest bit, so find comfort in squeegeeing out all of your anxieties and let God soak them up. On the other hand, I understand it can be challenging to open up to God. Especially in these present times, it may even seem like God's presence ceases to exist. It is of utmost importance to remember that no matter how dark times might seem to get, God will forever and always be a light for us. Use the scripture passages for today as a reminder to talk to God at the end of your day and just simply relieve what is weighing on your shoulders. For the gospel of Matthew says "and I will give you rest."

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