



First Week of Advent
Thursday December 3rd, 2020

Deysi Garcia-Vazquez, *BCHS Senior*,
shares her reflections on today's Scripture readings.



IS 26:1-6; PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A; MT 7:21, 24-27

As we enter another Advent season, I take joy in recognizing a shift in our conversation with God mentioned in today's Gospel, "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."

Many people tend to think that only believing and/or saying words are enough but sometimes it takes more than just words in order to fully understand and show what those words truly mean. Many people today have been distracted with technology and have not been able to interact with others or even talked face to face. We have been so focused on social media and haven't been able to think about the things surrounding us. God has been trying to call us into action through Advent. Advent is the season of waiting and anticipating the birth of Jesus. We need to remind ourselves that Jesus was able to live as a human being, teach and love others for who they were and bring them together in order to come closer to God. "

Jesus said to his disciples, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." Jesus was able to act on God's words no matter how many people opposed him. At the end of the day Jesus was able to preach God's words and had a community who believed and was faithful and this is something that we need to continue. We need to keep having faith in the Lord and to continue to preach his words. We need to keep having food drives and helping those in need because that is something that Jesus would have done. Jesus did not let anything come in his way. He continued to preach and gather many people together to show them that they are truly loved and will enter the Kingdom of Heaven and we should do the same.

This Advent season I pray that everyone comes together and realizes how important it is to understand the actions Jesus took. I pray that someday we are all united and have no more distractions and are able to act in God's words just like Jesus. Through this we will be united and stronger and we will work hard together to keep continuing God's work.

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