

Reflection Monday 2nd Week Advent 2023

Yesterday the message of repentance was brought by a messenger out of the desert. Today, however, we are told that the metanoia/change of heart we seek will be given us by God. We will see the world and the people in it in a completely new and wonder filled light; a light that is positive, joyful, bright, uplifting and radiant with a new kind of goodness. Advent offers us the opportunity to improve this vision in a way that it will engulf us so that one day it will fill our whole vision. Far from denying the terrible happenings in Gaza, Ukraine and elsewhere in the world, it calls for more prayer from us and for us to seek out and ask pardon for wrongs done to others and to offer forgiveness for those who have hurt us in any way. For, wherever the light of goodness, mercy and reconciliation occur, the light and vision of God becomes stronger and defeats the evil of darkness that hides that vision from us.

Give us now a sense of your presence Lord, as we bring our prayers and requests to you, and enable us to open our hearts and minds to you. We seek to put aside our busy rushing, and to sense that awe and wonder which comes from an awareness that we are in your presence. Son of God, you are the light of the world. during this week of Advent shine your light on all our choices each day. Create in us the ability to let your light shine forth for others. We ask this in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen