

December 6, 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent

Good morning! And how are you? Blessed indeed.

As we come on the second Sunday of Advent - I can't believe it already - but anyway, in the First Reading in the Gospel we hear the same line, "a voice crying out make straight the highway for our God." And again we hear in the Gospel "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." So the prophet of the Old Testament and the prophet of the New, John the Baptist, had one job, to prepare the way for God to introduce people to Jesus Christ. That's what he did and that's what he was supposed to do.

And that's got to be we who are - baptized priests, prophets and kings - our job is to be prophet, so what does that mean? We introduce people to Jesus. We prepare a way for people to see Jesus Christ. So that means when people see us, hear us, look at us, they should see us pointing to Jesus, pointing to Jesus, not to us and our opinions. Everything points to Jesus, not to us and our opinions. Now some people do that well, some people don't do that well. Sometimes I do it well, sometimes I don't do it well, but the point of it is, is what God's calling us to do.

So we got to reflect on this second Sunday of Advent. Do I point people to Jesus by what I say, by what I do, by what I write, or do I point people to me and my opinions? Beginning of course with my family - do I point people to Jesus in my family? Do I point them to me in my opinions? The people I work with - am I pointing people to Jesus? Can people say, "that person's always talking about Jesus, always pointing people to Jesus by they're the most loving and caring people I've ever met?" Or are they saying, "oh, they always have an opinion about everything, they're always talking about themselves and what they think of things." Okay, do our neighbors see us pointing to Jesus or pointing to ourselves and our opinions?

When we post things on the internet are we pointing to Jesus? Or are we pointing to ourselves and our opinions? You see, the thing that makes it all possible is what John did, is humility, right? John said later on in this Gospel, "He must increase, I must decrease." But he begins with, "I'm not worthy to even untie His sandal." That humility, it was never about John. Our life can be never about us. We must point to Jesus and not to ourselves and our opinions. And again, in the First Reading we get what we can be doing now most especially. There's 2,000 people dying in the United States every day because of Covid-19. We need to be giving comfort to people. Comfort. Speak comfort to My people. If we point to Jesus, the Good News Who came to save us, we'll do that.

So today, we're called to be like John, humble servants who always point to Jesus, and not ourselves and not our opinions. Got it? Get it? Going to do it? May each of you know His love, today and forever. Amen