Daily Homily 1 Week Advent, Thursday St. Edmund Campion, Priest 1 December 2022 <u>USCCB Daily Readings</u>

The two words that I am taking into this Advent day...

The first is from Isaiah, the First Reading... TRUST.

The enemy to "trust" is self-reliance. Self-reliance says ... I can do it on my own. I don't need help. I don't need to consult or talk it out. Self-reliance also says ... I need to worry, I need to be crazy, I need to lose sleep.

"Trust the Lord forever!" says... He's taking care of it, He's got this, He knows the answers and solutions more clearly then we ever could. Trust.

The second word I'm taking into this day is from the Gospel... LISTEN. Advent's attitude and demeanor is meant to help us hone our skills of listening. When we listen to Him... consult with Him... give everything over to Him, He places us on solid, sturdy, safe ground.

To not listen to Him is to stand on sand... quicksand, really. Not good. Listen.