Daily Homily

1 Week Advent, Monday

28 November 2022

USCCB Daily Readings

The readings – the Word of God – that the Church offers to us in the Advent Season for our reflection, is read during other seasons as well... during Ordinary Time, Lent, even Easter. However each Season has a different flavor, a different taste to it (Afterall, it's a "season," as in seasoning – herbs and spices and whatnot.)

So this Centurion ... why him? Why now? Why on this Advent morning would we need to turn to him?

This is my thought... he knows the power of the Word. He trusts the power of Jesus' Word. Jesus who is the Word made flesh, he knows that all he has to do it say it, and it will be so.

He doesn't have to come to this Centurion's home, he doesn't have to touch his paralyzed servant, he doesn't have to been seen at all. All Jesus has to do is say the Word and it will happen.

And Word is the Centurion hoping that Jesus will say? "Be healed."

Advent calls us to trust in God's Word all the more, to trust in Jesus the Word all the more. What Word do you need Him to speak for you... or to speak to you?

A Word of healing...

A Word of hope...

A Word of help...

A Word of forgiveness...

A Word of peace...

A Word of calm....

A Word of love?

Or whatever Word you hear in this Advent that Jesus is speaking directly to you. Whatever that Word is... let it be so.