



St Francis of Assisi Parish



## REFLECTION

### THE THREE COMINGS OF THE LORD

The first coming of Jesus has been seen on earth in the history 2020 years ago and it has been testified by St John "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (John.1:4) The last and final coming of the Lord Jesus will take place sometime unknown and it is testified that "all flesh will see the salvation of our God and they will look on whom they have pierced". The middle coming of the Lord is rather a hidden one in which only the elect (selected) will see within themselves and they all will be saved.

The first coming of the Lord took place in our flesh and in our weakness. The final one will be on glory and majesty. But the middle coming takes place every day in Spirit, Truth and Power. The middle coming is very important for us. It is like a road for us on which we travel from the first to the last. The first coming is our redemption and the final coming will be our life and glory. But the middle coming is our Rest and Consolation. The Lord says this: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word and my Father will love him and We will come to him." He who fears God will do Good and he who loves God will keep his Word.

According to Prophets: I have hidden Your words in my heart so that I may not sin against you. So, let us keep God's Word in this way. Let us allow the Word of God, what we read every day, enter into our very being and let it take possession of all our desires and our whole way of life. Then the middle coming of the Lord will fulfill what is written: "As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man."

Just as Adam's sin has spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ Jesus who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, one he takes possession of all by his Word. So, let us allow ourselves to be taken into possession by the living Word of God that we read and meditate every day in our life, specially at this time of Advent.

(Based on the thoughts of St. Bernard)

God bless you all.

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