

Friday 2nd of Advent

Gospel text (Mt 11,16-19): Jesus spoke to the crowds: «Now, to what can I compare the people of this day? (...). For John came fasting and people said: ‘He is possessed’. Then the Son of Man came, he ate and drank, and people said: ‘Look at this man! A glutton and drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’. Yet the outcome will prove Wisdom to be right».

God’s hope for man is the basis of man’s hope in God

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Today, from the infinitely patient heart of Jesus a lament... escapes: How can the creature "made for God", intimately oriented towards Him, ignore Him? God knows the heart of man. He knows that whoever refuses Him has never known His real face; this is why He never stops knocking on our door. He gives mankind a new time precisely so that everyone can get to know Him. This is also the meaning of a new liturgical year.

To mankind, that has no time for Him, God offers another time to find again the sense of hope. God loves us, and precisely for this reason, He hopes that we go back to Him, that we open our hearts to His love. This hope of God precedes always our hope, just as his love embraces us always first. "In this sense, the Christian hope is called "theological": God is their source, their support and their term".

—My hope is preceded by the hope that You, O Lord, have in me.