Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent

Gospel text (*Mt* 21:28-32): Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, “(...) Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Jesus, the "new Moses"

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Today, Jesus mentions the Baptist: he —the last prophet in the Old Testament— pointed out to Christ; and Christ points out to the Father. That is indeed the case, “no one has ever seen God; the only Son, who inhabits within the Father, is the One who unveiled Him”. The promise of the new prophet is fulfilled in Jesus. What was just imperfection in Moses becomes entirely reality with Christ: He lives facing God not only as a friend but as His Son.

Jesus Christ, as announced in the New Testament, can only be truly understood by taking this statement as a starting point. It underlies everything we are told about the words, the deeds, the suffering and the glory of Jesus. If you dismiss this unquestionable “barycenter”, you’ll never understand the Lord’s specific nature.

—Your prayer, Jesus, is the conversation between the Son and the Father, involving Your human soul (conscience and will); I also want to engage myself in this conversation.