

Thursday, December 14



From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent are taking it by force. (Matthew 11:12)

Reflection: Our world will never be bliss. We can say with Matthew, that from the days of John the Baptist until now, that God's kingdom suffers violence. That is why we celebrate **Advent** over and over. We reassert that the violence we suffer in this world is not the norm, but only a temporary condition. That mystery of our faith is proclaimed each time we celebrate the Eucharist; Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. We are grounded in this present world, but look to the world to come.

Advent Action: Renew your commitment to a special time of **Advent** prayer each day throughout the season.

Say a prayer sometime today for Canada.

Prayer: Lord, may I refrain from all violent words and deeds, and help make my part of this world a more peaceful place.