



# Daily Reflections

**December 4, 2018**

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## Scripture

**Luke 10: 21-24**

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said,  
"I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.  
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.  
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.  
No one knows who the Son is except the Father,  
and who the Father is except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."  
Turning to the disciples in private he said,  
"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.  
For I say to you,  
many prophets and kings desired to see what you see,  
but did not see it,  
and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Have we not become like the "wise and learned" by our ability to push and click, hold and drag on a screen and obtain seemingly endless volumes of quick information? Have we not developed that "know it all" attitude that

Jesus laments in today's Gospel? In the process we have lost the ability to be child-like: humble, trusting, at peace....loving. Jesus offers us another way. Doesn't your heart really long for that more than anything you might find under the tree?

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## **Food for your Journey**

On January 13, 1982, when Air Florida's Flight 90 crashed on takeoff and fell into the icy waters of the Potomac River, Martin Skutnik, age 28, saw the plane go down. He stood with other spectators on the riverbank watching a woman who had survived the crash and was struggling to swim in the cold water. Skutnik plunged into the river and rescued her.

He had never taken a life saving course, but he saved the woman's life. He probably didn't use the proper form or technique when he swam to the woman's side, at least as professional swim instructors would teach it. He may not have followed the Red Cross Lifesaving Manual in the method he used to grab the woman and bring her back to the safety of the shore.

At that time, Skutnik was a general office worker. He had a wife and two children and lived in a rented town house. He became a national hero on that fateful day by risking his life to rescue that drowning woman.

- "Flight 90," cited on Quest, [www.questweb.utdallas.edu](http://www.questweb.utdallas.edu).

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Advent has just begun yet I find my energy level dangerously low. I need a fill up. Lord, and nothing online or in the stores or at parties does it for me. Help me to realize that my longing is for You. Help me this day to make that first step to reach out to You, Who are always already there. Amen