

Advent Reflection
December 12, 2020
LOVE
1 John 4:20-21 NRSV

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reflection by Katie M.

How can a person claim to love God when they do not love others? Yes, we may outwardly portray that image, but in the eyes of God, if our hearts are not true, then we are the liars. Hate takes many forms and there are many roads that lead to hate where one person can claim that I do not hate that person... BUT love doesn't reside either for them if truth be told. So if one must truly love others, then there is no middle ground, no grey area. We must be careful and examine our true feelings so that love, the kind of love that God showed us when he gave his son, shines in our lives and is our beacon in how we live. Live by love first and all else will fall into place. The world is a strange place right now, and these two verses must take root, because even the smallest seed of dislike towards another can turn us from the love that God wants us to know and share with others. God loves us no matter what...so why can't we do that to others whom he has also created in his image?