

**Skit for Sunday, December 16, 2007
Third Sunday in Advent**

**Anyone Who Is in Heaven Is More Important Than Anyone on Earth
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Gospel

[Mt 11:2-11](#)

Characters:

Narrator

Jesus

Friend #1

Friend #2

Once Blind Man

Once Lame Man

Once Deaf Man

Once a Leper

Lazarus

Poor Person #1

Poor Person #2

Crowd Person #1

Crowd Person #2

Crowd Person #3

Father Russ

Child #1

Child #2

Child #3

Narrator

Two friends went and told John the Baptist what they had seen. John the Baptist sent them to ask Jesus a question for him.

Friend #1

“Are you ‘the one who is to come, or should we look for another?’”

Once Blind Man

Jesus touched me, now I can now see.

(Taking off dark sunglasses)

Once Lame Man

Jesus touched me, now I can walk.

(throwing down his cane)

Once Deaf Man

Jesus touched me, now I can hear.

(throwing away a bull horn)

Once a Leper

Jesus touched me, now my skin is clean.

(pulling up his shirt sleeve so you can see the clear skin)

Lazarus

Jesus told me to wake up, and I was not dead any more.

(lying down on the ground wrapped in a sheet, then throwing away the sheet he was wrapped with)

Poor Person #1

Even though we are very poor and have no money,

Poor Person #2

Jesus talked to us and told us his Good News about heaven.

Jesus

(says to **Friend #1** and **Friend #2**)

“Go and tell John what you’ve heard and seen.”

Friend #1 and Friend #2

(Look a little upset at the message they are supposed to take to John the Baptist. It’s the same message they had already told him.)

You will be blessed, too, if you do not get angry at what I say or do.

Friend #1 of John the Baptist

(talking to **Friend #2**)

What he has done is what the prophets said the Messiah would do when he came.

Friend #2 of John the Baptist

He truly is the Messiah.

Friend #1

We shall tell John the Baptist, what you said. We take no offense at anything you said or did. We believe you are truly the Messiah.

Narrator

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John.

Jesus

I have questions for you about John the Baptist. “What did you go out to the desert to see? Did you go to see a reed swayed by the wind?”

Person in Crowd #1

No. We went to see John the Baptist.

Jesus

Did you go to see someone dressed in fine clothing?

Crowd Person #2

No. John wore camel's skin clothes.

Jesus

Then why did you go out?

Crowd Person #1

We went to see a prophet.

Jesus

Yes, John the Baptist was a prophet. I tell you he was more than a prophet. He is the one about whom it was written: I am sending a messenger ahead of you. He will prepare your way before you come.

Crowd Person #2 whispering to Crowd Person #3

This Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus

Amen, I say to you, John the Baptist is the greatest person born of a woman. Yet even the least important person who enters heaven is greater than he is.

Crowd #1

Would you explain that a little more, Jesus? I don't understand.

Crowd #2

Is John the Baptist a great man or not?

Jesus

He is the greatest man who ever lived. He told you to repent so you could get into heaven.

Crowd Person #3

He is the greatest because he told us to repent so that we get into heaven

Jesus

That's true.

Crowd Person #2

Do you mean that I will be more important than John the Baptist when I enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus

Yes, that's true. Anyone who gets to heaven will live forever with my heavenly Father. Therefore anyone who is in heaven is more important than anyone on earth, even the most important prophet or king.

Crowd Person #3

Now I understand.

Narrator

Now we go to the present time in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Father Russ is talking with having a discussion with children after Mass. Let's look in on them:

Child #1

Father Russ, how can we get into heaven?

Child #2

We want to be more important than the most important person on earth. We want to be more important than John the Baptist. We want to get into heaven.

Father Russ

There are three things you must do to get into heaven. First is to get baptized. Second is to love God above all things. Third is to

Child #1

...love my neighbor as myself.

Father Russ

Exactly. That is all.

Child #1

That's all.

Father Russ

That's all.

Child #1

But Father that is so-o—o hard.

Father Russ

Why?

Child #1

First of all I love my Mother and my Father so much.

(Show big picture of his Mother and Father)

I don't know this guy God. I don't know if I can love him more than I love my father and my Mother.

Father Russ

God is who gave you your Mother and Father. Without God, you would not exist. You would not have a Mother and a Father.

Child #2

I love food.

(Has pizza, cookies, and lemonade)

I don't know this fellow, God. I don't think I can love him more than food.

Father Russ

God is who gives you your food every day. Without God, you would have no food.

Child #3

I love having pretty clothes. See these three new outfits I bought at the store.

(Has 3 beautiful outfits on hangers)

From listening to what you said to them, God is who gives me my clothing. Without God, I would have no clothing.

Father Russ

Yes. Now you understand.

Child #3

I can truthfully say I love God above all else.

Father Russ

And your neighbor as yourself.

Child #3

I don't know about that. Not all of my neighbors. I have trouble loving people who murder, steal, and bully others. Why should I love those meanies as I love myself.

Father Russ

God loves them and forgives them for what they do. That's why you should forgive them and love them.

Child #2

If God didn't forgive me, then I would never enter into the kingdom of heaven. I want to go to heaven. I'm going to work harder towards loving and forgiving my neighbors.

Narrator

And so the people at St. John Neumann keep baptizing people, loving God above all, and loving their neighbors as themselves. Since the church opened in **1977** there have been _____ people baptized (Ask church secretary if they have number of people baptized at the church). The parishioners go to reconciliation often to help them love and forgive themselves and their neighbors. God is happy with his people at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.