

Christ the King

My Dear Friends,

On this Feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that our Lord reigns over all creation, guiding us with love and wisdom. His kingdom is one of truth, justice, and peace—where mercy triumphs over judgment and love conquers sin.



On the Cross, Jesus reveals His true kingship. He is humiliated and mocked by rulers and soldiers who cannot comprehend a King who reigns through mercy rather than might. Yet one of the criminals beside Him perceives what others cannot—that Christ’s kingdom is not of this world. With a heart humbled by faith, he pleads, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

In that brief but profound prayer, repentance and trust opened the gates of Paradise. Jesus reigns not by coming down from the Cross to save Himself, but by remaining there to save us—extending forgiveness even in His suffering.

This Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 23:35–43) presents a striking contrast between mockery and repentance. One criminal demands, “Save yourself and us!” The other accepts responsibility and recognizes Jesus as Lord. In his humility, he finds salvation.

In our world today, it is easy to make excuses or to shift blame when life becomes difficult. Yet discipleship calls us to humility—to acknowledge our faults, seek forgiveness, and trust in God’s mercy. True greatness is not found in power or wealth, but in love—the love that gives, forgives, and endures.

Jesus could have come down from the Cross to prove His might, but instead He chose to remain, to suffer, and to die for us. That is the power of divine love: a love that redeems rather than dominates, that saves rather than condemns. We see this same love reflected in our families, our friendships, and our faith communities—especially through the Church, our mother and teacher.

Today, let us renew our conviction that Jesus is our Lord, Savior, and King. Through Him, we find strength and courage to live our faith not only within the walls of the Church, but also out in the world. We are called to be examples of faith, love, and purity—living witnesses of God’s kingdom on earth.

Even when challenges arise, we hold firm to the truth that everything God has created is good and sanctified by His word and prayer. True piety sustains us in trials, strengthens us in persecution, and gives us hope for this life and the life to come.

Though we may be pressed on every side, we are not crushed; though persecuted, we are never abandoned; though struck down, we are not destroyed—for our trust is in the living God, the Savior of all, especially of those who believe.

On this Solemnity of Christ the King, may we renew our dedication to His service—holding fast to His truth, living in love and holiness, and bearing witness to His reign through our words, our actions, and our hearts. As we honor Christ the King, may His mercy take root within us, and may His kingdom flourish wherever love conquers hatred and grace transforms sin.

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