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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 121(122):1-5

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

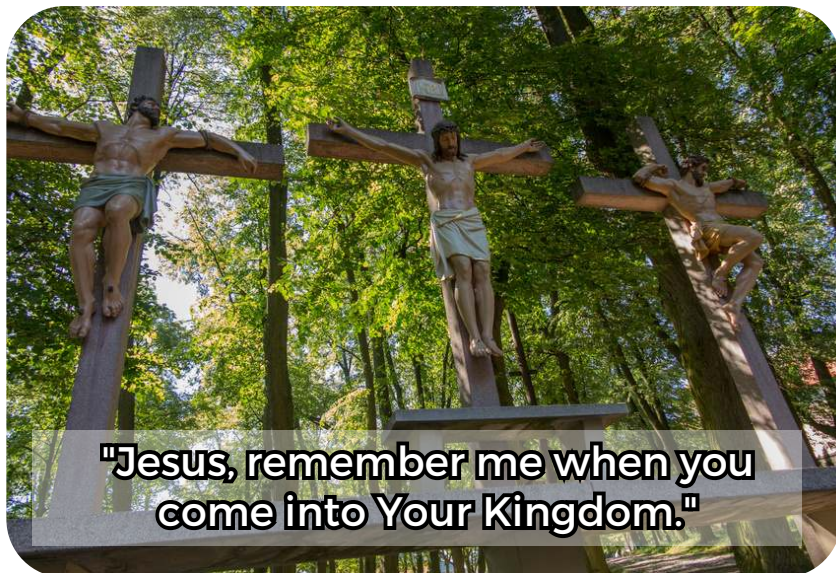


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Hear



Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [HERE](#).



Pray



In the Gospel today we are brought back to the scene of the crucifixion as we reflect on the kind of kingship Jesus came to offer us.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- We find ourselves at the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. What an excellent opportunity to reflect on the past year: where have I allowed Christ to be King in my personal life, my work, my family life and my prayer this year? Can I allow His Kingdom to reign more in me? How can I serve Him and His Kingdom more? How can I prepare to do Advent well this year?
- Take a few moments to make a heartfelt prayer to Jesus now, as the good thief did.

Family Prayer



Angels, saints and nations sing: "Praised be Jesus Christ, our King. Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of Love on Calvary."

Talk



In today's readings we see the scene around the cross as Jesus was being crucified.

- What do you think of when you hear the word "royalty" or "king" or "queen"? What do we expect kings and queens to do? How do we expect them to dress? How are people expected to treat them? If the King of England was to visit your house, what would you do to prepare?
- What kind of crown did Jesus wear? How did people treat him in today's Gospel?
- Jesus always wants to be part of our families, and live in our hearts. How can we get our hearts ready for Jesus our King? How can we show Him that He's welcome?

Family Challenge!



Make a big effort to celebrate the end of the liturgical year in your home before we begin Advent together - check out the ideas here on [Aleteia: Unforgettable Ways to Celebrate Christ the King as a Family](#).

DO WE RECOGNISE THE KING?

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see.

As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

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Advent planning!



Why not take some time to plan what you could do as a Family for Advent before Advent begins? Keep it simple! Check out the ideas here from Catholic All Year



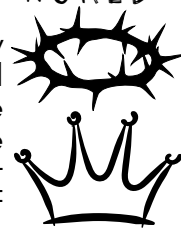
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KINGDOM NOT OF THIS WORLD

Kings and Queens - they seem pretty far removed from our everyday life. We might have watched The Crown, or seen stories about them on Instagram, - that's if we have any interest at all in



royal lives. They live surrounded by wealth, grandeur, high security and not a lot of privacy.

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ as King. You couldn't find a more different model of Kingship anywhere. Born into a poor stable, an animal feeding trough for his bed, living a simple life, earning his wages as a carpenter in a small obscure village in Israel. He came to build a different type of Kingdom. He came to serve and not be served, to speak out for the poor and the marginalised, to bring healing and forgiveness, to set people free, and ultimately to give His life for others.

The idea of a King with a crown of thorns, and a cross instead of a throne, is a jarring one. Yet 2000 years on, other kingdoms have fallen, but His remains and will continue to remain. The question is, will I let Him be King of my heart? Will I allow Him to guide me and my actions? Will I be proud to belong to Him?

This week, reflect on the place you reserve for Jesus in your heart. Read the inspiring stories of Bl. Miguel Pro and St José Sanchez del Rio, whose lives were driven by the cry, "Hail Christ the King!" (Check out our Christ the King Resource pack online!)



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(Chris Stefanick)
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