



## Solemnity of Christ the King

November 26, 2017

### GOSPEL [MT 25:31-46](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



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- 1 The Church throughout the world closes the Liturgical Year by celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. When you hear the word “King” what images come to mind?
2. Re-read the Gospel for this Sunday, why would the Church use this Gospel to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King?
3. Why does Jesus say that by serving others as they do, they serve (or fail to serve) Jesus himself?
4. This passage of the “Judgement of the Nations” is one of the sources for the Church’s insistence on the corporal works of mercy. Which work of mercy have I done? Which is most fruitful for you or others?

Which corporal work of mercy do I find difficult to do or have little opportunity to do? Why is it difficult?

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On December 9, St Mary Magdalen will host one way to engage in the Corporal Works of Mercy.

## CHRISTMAS MERCY MORNING



**Donate:** *NEW* backpacks, *NEW* elastic waist Capri pants, and *NEW* t-shirts on *December 2-3* weekend for human trafficking victims.

**Help:** put together backpacks and make Redemption Bracelets for human trafficking victims, make nativity sets for nursing home residents, write Christmas cards to Peace Orphanage children and others, sign up for caroling 9am-11am, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

St. Mary Magdalen’s Parish Life Center