

Prayer & Reflection



Week beginning: **Monday 24th November**

Solemnity of Christ the King

World Youth Sunday

Catholic Social Teaching – Call to Family Community & Participation

Advent Liturgy –next week

FORM GROUPS TASK

- Write their thoughts about HOPE on the Heart Template and decorate each heart to reflect the heart of the form class.
- See the list of ideas about HOPE opposite
- The hearts will be placed around the empty Manger as it awaits the presence of the Christ Child who brought Hope to our world.



[Catholic Social Teaching link](#)

Call to family, community and participation

What do you hope for?

For yourself?

For your family?

For our school?

For our country?

For the world Christ came to save?



ASK

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."

Psalm 62:5

Sunday 23rd November was the last Sunday of the Church's year (we start a new year with Advent next week) is celebrated with a day dedicated to **Jesus, Christ the Universal King**. It reminds us of our faith and belief in the victorious and risen Christ, who will come again in glory at the end of the world.

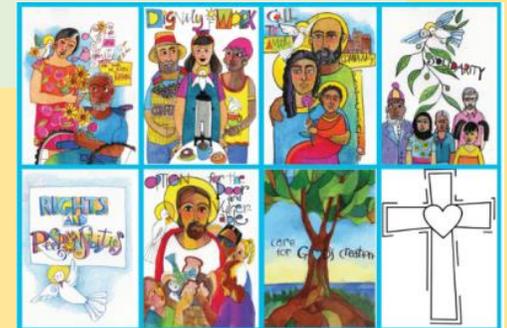
This Sunday is also World Youth Sunday. This is a focus on the role of young people and the hope for the future to help build God's kingdom on earth.

This is why it is so important to follow and live your life according to the themes taught in Catholic Social Teaching.

Linking to 2025 as the Jubilee Year, and the morning prayer theme from last term on the Our Father prayer; the theme for Youth Sunday is **"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (John 15:27).**

This theme was chosen to inspire young people to be witnesses to Christ, which aligns with the larger Jubilee Year of 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope".

Young people are invited to deepen their relationship with God, to listen to His voice, and to discern how they can share their faith with others. Prayer becomes the foundation upon which they can build a life dedicated to the service of others, rooted in the love of Christ.



Theme Reflection – National Youth Sunday

- In what ways can you improve your life to follow the themes of Catholic Social Teaching?
- Will you join young people to participate and build God's kingdom on earth



Feast of Christ the King

Jesus was born in a stable.

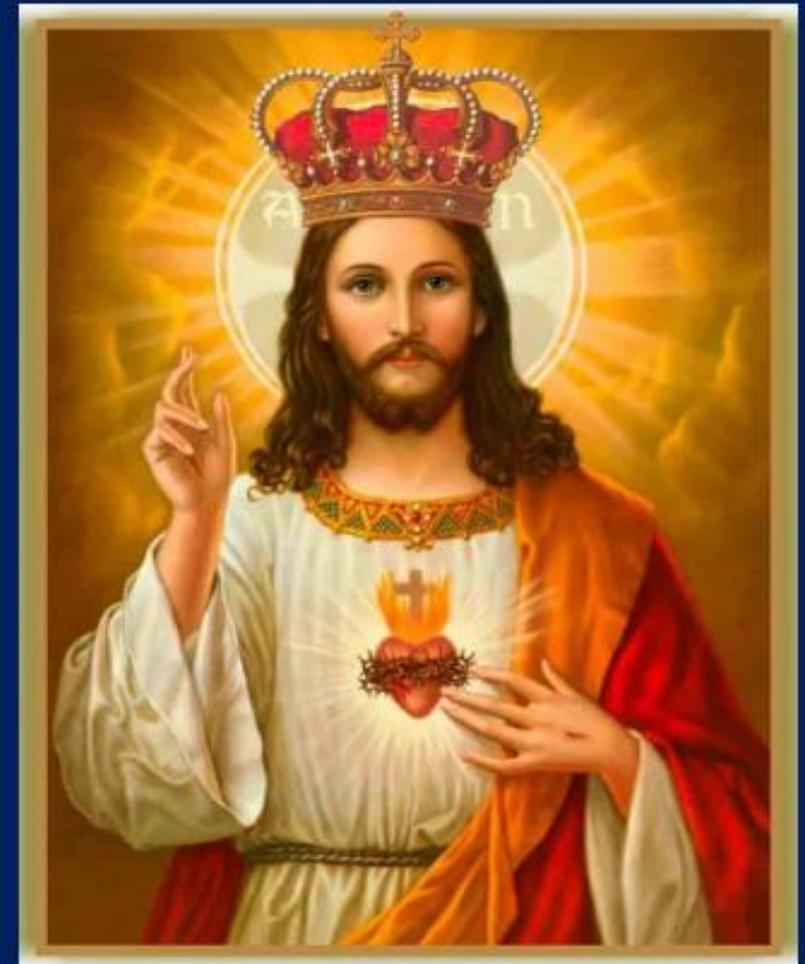
In the first months of his life he was a refugee.

He was raised in the home of a humble carpenter.

He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

He preached mercy, forgiveness, and peace.

He died on a cross, for our sins.





**PLEASE
PRAY
FOR ME**

Prayer for Christ the King

Father, all powerful God of love,
You raised Jesus- from death to life
And he is now with you in glory,
As King of Creation.
May all the world rejoice in his peace,
Glory in his justice, to live in his love,
Amen.



St John the Apostle & Evangelist – pray for us. Amen.



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Sunday Gospel = Solemnity of Christ the King

Our  LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE



*Through Him and with Him
and in Him.* Amadpaul/18

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD,
HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER **

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Luke 23:42



Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – Christ the King Universal

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”

Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”

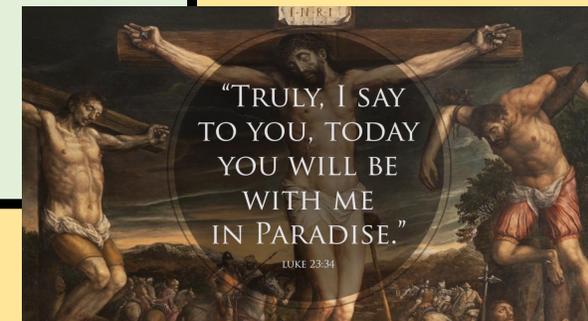
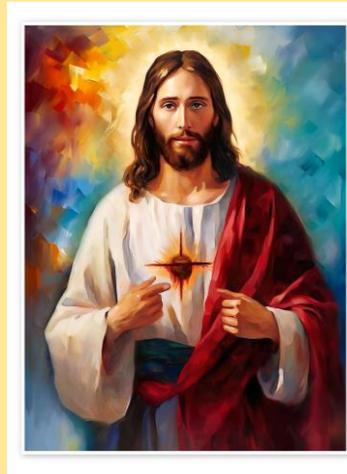
Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

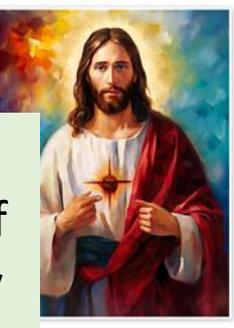
He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”



Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Explanation of this week's Gospel reading

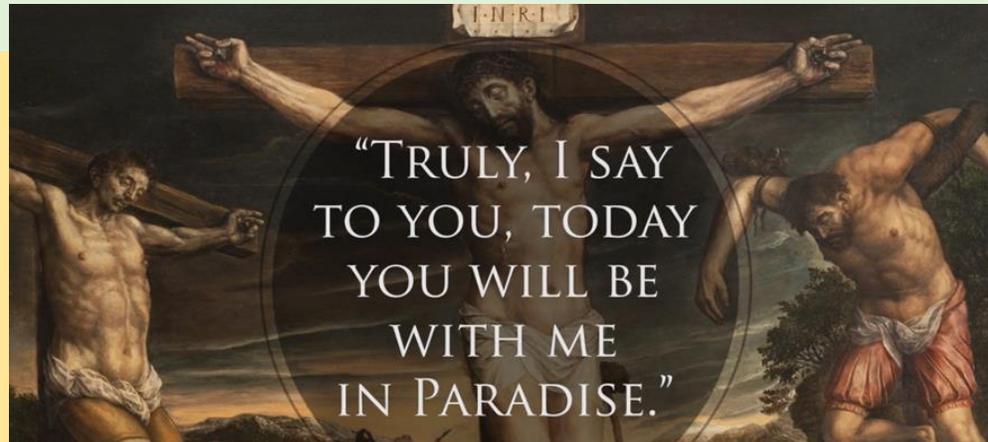


The Gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King, reminds us that Jesus rules with love, even from the cross. The Good Thief didn't have fancy words—just an honest prayer. Jesus answered with a promise of heaven. This lesson shows us as people that it's never too late to choose faith, and Jesus is always ready to listen.

Jesus is our true King. His kingdom is different from earthly kingdoms because it is built on love, mercy, and sacrifice; the kingdom of heaven will never end.

In this gospel, there are **THREE** key messages:

- 1. God's Kingdom is Eternal:** Earthly rulers come and go, but Jesus' kingdom will never end. His rule is one of peace and justice.
- 2. Salvation Through Jesus:** We are reminded that Jesus rescues us from sin. He brings us into his kingdom and makes us part of his family.
- 3. Mercy and Forgiveness:** Jesus forgives the criminal on the cross. His kingdom is open to all who turn to him with faith.



GOSPEL REFLECTION TASK

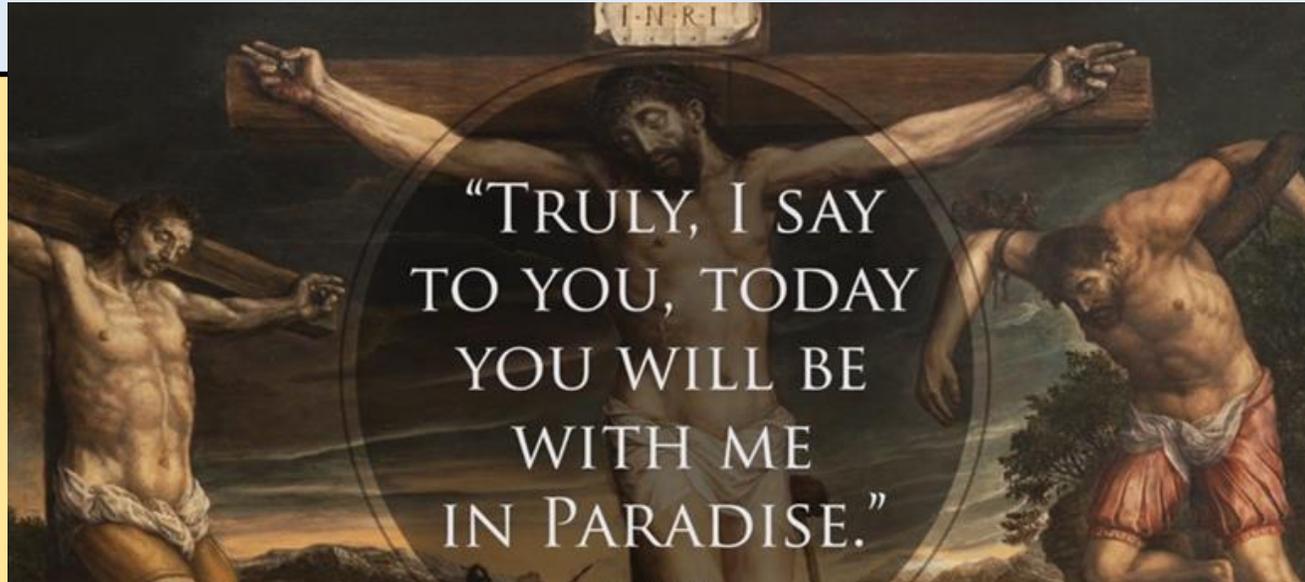
The gospel reading encourages us to reflect on two themes:

1. Kingdom of God today:

The kingdom of God is not just in the future, but is among us now. Recognize the "miracles and graces happening all around us," and see how God is at work in the people around you.

2. How to act:

Challenge yourself to live as a subject of Christ the King by making choices that reflect His values of love, mercy, and justice, even when the world pulls you in a different direction.

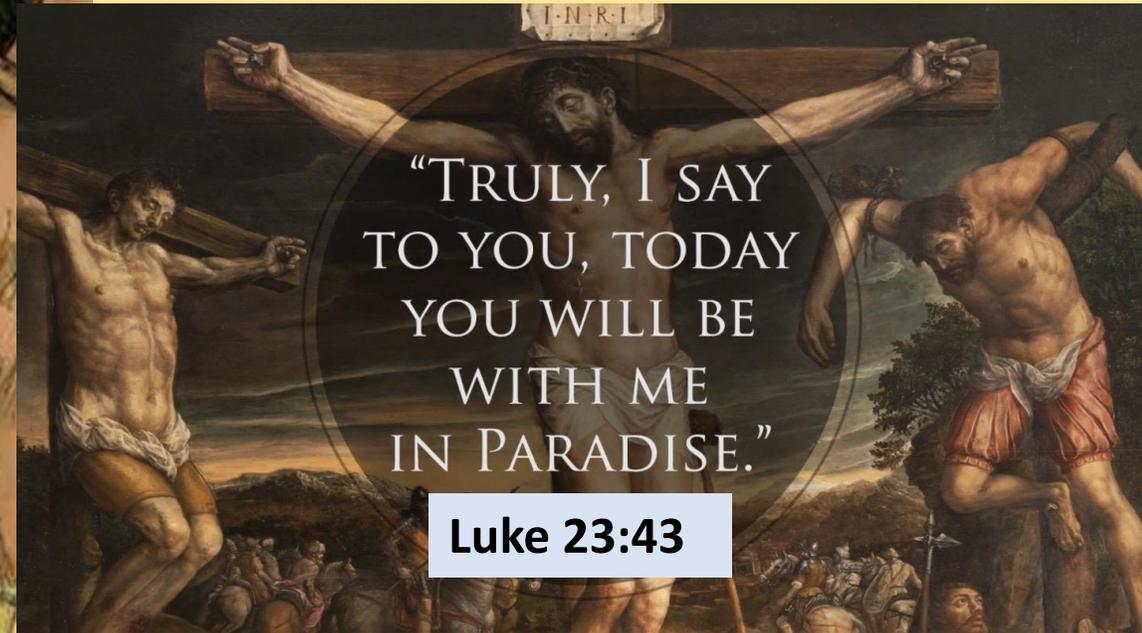


WORD OF THE WEEK

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“TRULY, I SAY
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Luke 23:43

PRAYER – for Solemnity of Christ the King



O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.
Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.
Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.
Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.
Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.
We have deserved Your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We trust in Your Great Mercy.
O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.



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