

## Christ The King 2020

If we look at what we celebrate today it is a great reminder of the beauty of our Liturgical calendar. We end ordinary time this Sunday and next week we start Advent It will also begin the Year of Grace 2021. Now you may say what is a Year of Grace? To be truthful I had to look it up and found this beautiful explanation of the year of Grace, it comes from this article I found by Sister Joan Roccasalvo A sister from the Congregation of Saint Joseph. She says:

“The Church’s “year of grace” is so-called because, over the course of a year and through her liturgy, the Church makes present the saving events of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection. Like most cultures, the Judeo-Christian is guided by cycles of time. Though distinct from civil time, sacred time is not separated from it, but affects and gives it meaning.<sup>1</sup>

The Church exhorts the faithful to make the year of grace their very own, so that their lives might be daily made new in Christ. Thus, the whole mystery of Christ unfolds from the expectation of his Advent to the days of Pentecost, and, finally, to the feast of Christ the King. Then the cycle begins again. As the liturgical year is repeated, it becomes the primary way through which the Catholic can make the day, the week, and the year a holy, beautiful, and meaningful experience."

Today as we celebrate Christ The King we are confronted with the most important question, who is Jesus Christ? As a group we celebrate today His kingship but as todays readings tell us we will eventually face God not as a group but rather as individuals.

It is not part of todays readings but the verses of John came to mind as I reflected on today.

It is John 6: 66-68 After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer walked with Him. Jesus said to the Twelve, “Will you also go away?” Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.’”

Lord to whom shall we go? Perhaps that is the question to pray on for the coming week except change it to Lord to whom shall I go?

Jesus gives us no wiggle room for He separates Himself apart from all other prophets, Buddha, Confucius Mohammed, all claimed a special insight to God and formed a religion on that. But Jesus tells us He is the Son of the living God a part of the Blessed Trinity. That when we see Him and we follow Him we follow The Father We are to reflect on either he is that or he isn't.

Our beautiful Gospel reading from today tells us in essence that when we walk in mercy and in charity, to all those we meet, when we respect God's creation from the water, to the air and the soil, we give honor to Christ we are doing what we are created for. Of course, we aren't too crazy about the judgement part.

As the Good Sister tells us about the Year of Grace conversion to Christ does not happen overnight. We are on a constant road to transforming our lives away from ourselves to what Christ calls us to. We as God's children need to be constantly reminded of our duty sort of like telling our children to take out the trash many times before it happens .... But we can take hope in our Sacramental life as Catholics from Confession to the Grace of the Eucharist. In our faith we are offered a host, of prayer forms. Prayer and Scripture is a very important part of our spiritual life. God is constant in His mercy and in His willingness to call each of us to Himself. Let us join Peter

this week and answer to our Christ, “Where else shall we go  
You have the words of eternal life.”