

# Living the Liturgy at Home

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov. 22, 2020



**Scripture Readings**  
 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
 Matthew 25:31-46

### Prayer

Lord our God,  
 just as the rain comes down  
 to water the earth  
 and make it fruitful,  
 so you send forth your word  
 to do your will in the world.  
 May this wisdom from heaven  
 take root in our hearts  
 and bear fruit in holy words  
 and loving deeds.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

### Examination of Conscience

- ☉ Jesus says that when I care for others, I care for him. How did I respond the last time I encountered someone who needed help?
- ☉ Am I a sheep or a goat at this point in my life?
- ☉ What are some proactive steps that I can take to be on the side of the sheep?

### Faith in Action

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We start a whole new year next Sunday with the First Sunday of Advent. Today's feast really brings the entire year full circle. In recognizing and worshipping Jesus Christ the King, we have come back around to where we began this past year in preparing for the incarnation throughout the season of Advent. To ready yourself for the coming new year and for the preparations that will be made during Advent, craft a new Advent wreath this week with your family. Be creative in how you make this wreath. Set up a prayer space for the wreath in your home that uses images that speak to you for what you will be preparing for throughout this upcoming holy season.

### ?? Did You Know?

... that Pope Pius XI made Christ the King a feast day on the Church's calendar in 1925? This feast day marks the end of the liturgical year and it calls to mind that, although there are rulers, heads of state, and other government officials throughout the earth, our one true King rules heaven and earth and the Kingdom of God will reign for all times.

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## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 15



**Scripture Readings**  
 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,  
 30-31  
 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
 Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,  
 19-21

"Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit," as he anoints the one being confirmed.

### Examination of Conscience

- ☉ You have been gifted with unique talents, given to you by God. What are some of my talents?
- ☉ Am I grateful for them? Do I share them with others or do I bury them?

### Faith in Action

We all have God given talents. This week, schedule some family time to explore each other's talents. Start your discussion by rereading the long version of the Gospel passage from this Sunday, Matthew 21:14-30. Then, have each person identify the talents that they recognize within themselves. Next, take turns in identifying the talents that you see in on another. Sometimes we may not even realize that we have been gifted with a particular talent, and it is helpful to have someone else to reflect our true self back to us. Finally, share how you all may be able to make better use of your talents to serve God.

### ?? Did You Know?

... that there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? They are wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord (which is the feeling of wonder and awe before God). When one is confirmed, the bishop or priest says,