



Solemnity of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14
Ps 93:1-2, 5
Rev 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

Monday Nov. 23

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
Daniel 3:52-56
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday Nov. 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions

Daniel 2:31-45
Daniel 3:57-61
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday Nov. 25

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Daniel 3:62-67
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday Nov. 26

Daniel 6:12-28
Daniel 3:68-74
Luke 21:20-28

Friday Nov. 27

Daniel 7:2-14
Daniel 3:75-81
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday Nov. 28

Daniel 7:15-27
Daniel 3:82-87
Luke 21:34-36

When the question of Christ's kingship comes up in the Gospel, Jesus redirects us to the true meaning of divine kingship. Without denying that he is the king, he says: "The reason I was born into the world is to testify to the truth." He is not the king of our country or a world; he is the king of truth, the ruler of reality.

The perception of reality that we develop when Jesus is not our teacher and interpreter and revealer of truth is warped and blurred by the falsehoods and misunderstandings of the world. Those who accept Christ's kingship listen to his voice and live in the truth.

When we sin, it's because we don't fully understand the reality of the situation. Jesus is not yet fully the king of that part of our lives.

For example, think of someone who has asked you for something. Perhaps it's the building project at church. Or

the sick neighbor. Or the aging parent who needs more and more assistance. Do you feel like you don't have enough to satisfy their needs? Are you so tired and downtrodden from your own burdens that you cannot take on someone else's?

Well, to think that we cannot enjoy doing more for others than we're already doing is a warped view of reality; it looks like we'll be happier if we cater to our own desires instead of taking care of someone else's need.



In true reality, a joyful lifestyle develops when we listen to the voice of Jesus, even when he says, "go the extra mile" or "be like the Good Samaritan and take a detour to minister to others". We have to trust the truth that he teaches, regardless of how little we

understand it.

Understanding grows in the doing of God's will more than in the thinking about it. Joy grows as we gain the understanding that comes from seeing some of the fruits of what we've done. When we sin, it's because we cannot envision the good fruits that will come from doing things the way Christ tells us to. Under his kingship and the Holy Spirit's wisdom, we thus gain freedom to overcome all of our sinful tendencies.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What falsehoods are you believing? For example: What teachings of the Church are you unwilling to trust? What beliefs about yourself give you low self esteem?
2. What will you do to give Jesus kingship in these areas?
3. Name a common misconception you've seen or experienced that keeps people away from Christ or away from church? Why do people believe this unreality?
4. How can we help them learn the truth and accept the kingship of Christ?