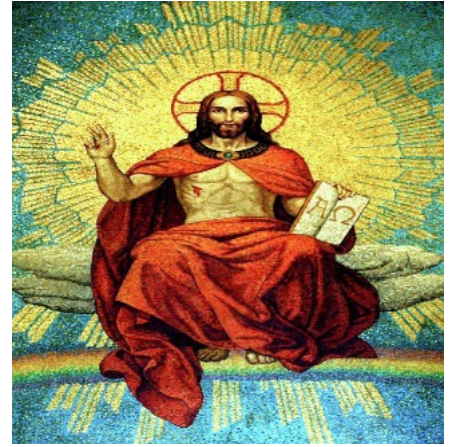


LIVING FAITH

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 26, 2023



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY: MATTHEW 25:31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that 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 something to drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

I was naked and you gave me clothing,

I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you,

just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

This Gospel that we hear proclaimed today is often referred to as "the judgment of the nations." It is also the Gospel which sets forth what we have come to know as the "Corporal Works of Mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbours in their bodily needs" They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. They are love in action. The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, giving shelter to travellers, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead. Pope Francis, in his address at the Angelus in St Peter's Square last Sunday, described mercy as "the true face of love." "Mercy towards a human life in a state of need is the true face of love" Pope Francis said, explaining that it is by loving the other that one becomes a true disciple of Jesus and that the face of the Father is revealed.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How do you show love—practical, meaningful love- to people in need?
- What does that love look like?
- What does "mercy" mean to you?
- What is Jesus asking you to do, today, to show love and to build up the Kingdom of God?

Unto the Least of These

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' " Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)



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LEAST	BLESSED	THRONE	SICK	EAT
GLORY	LIFE	ANGELS	DRINK	THIRSTY
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PROCEEDING ALONG THE JOURNEY

Formation in a synodal key is meant to enable the People of God to live out their baptismal vocation fully, in the family, in the workplace, in ecclesial, social, and intellectual spheres. It is meant to enable each person to participate actively in the Church's mission according to his or her own charisms and vocation.

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We Remember



FEASTS THIS WEEK
ST. ANDREW,
APOSTLE AND MARTYR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

In the New Testament, we learn that Andrew was the first Apostle to be called by Jesus. He was the brother of St. Peter, and both were fishermen before Jesus called them to be “fishers of people.”



In the gospels, Andrew is referred to as being close to Jesus, and therefore present on some important occasions.

Andrew told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes (John 6:8), and when Philip wanted to tell Jesus about certain Greeks seeking Him, he told Andrew first (John 12:20–22). Andrew was present at the Last Supper. Andrew was also one of the four disciples who came to Jesus on the Mount of Olives to ask about the signs of Jesus' return at the "end of the age"

Ancient tradition tells us that, after he received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Andrew preached along the Black Sea and the Dnieper river as far as Kiev, and from there he traveled to Novgorod. Hence, he became a patron saint of Ukraine, Romania and Russia.

Andrew is said to have been martyred by crucifixion at the city of Patras (Patræ) in Achaea. Tradition tells us that Andrew was martyred on an X-shaped cross, which we now call “St. Andrew’s Cross.” We see this on the flags of Scotland, the United Kingdom, and Nova Scotia. St. Andrew is patron saint of Scotland.



NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

