

Lectio Divina

- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
- **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
- **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
- **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)

November 20th 2011 34th Sunday Ordinary Time (Feast of Christ the King) – Year A – Matthew 25:31-46

In this gospel we have the final teaching of Jesus public life according to St. Matthew. It completes the readings of year A. In biblical culture Kings are leaders and they set moral standards for their community.

Jesus reminds us that we meet him in the ordinary and mundane things of life, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and lonely and welcoming all people in his name. He also reminds us that when we neglect to look after each other we neglect him. We will be judged by our actions on the last day by a God who knows our every thought, word and motive.

When are the times in our lives when we received blessings and met Jesus in the ordinary moments of our lives. Who were the people that brought these blessings to us? Have we failed by being too hard in thought, word or deed on any member of God's family?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the beautiful moments of grace in our lives when we were amazed that while welcoming a stranger or visiting a lonely or sick person we could feel your presence with us.

Forgive us for the times that we became angry and vengeful wanting to condemn people who hurt us instead of being compassionate and leaving their judgement to you.

Help us to see what is naked in ourselves and needs to be clothed with your love. Let us not be judgemental and know that you will judge us all on the last day when you will light up all that was hidden in the dark and reveal the light.