

**November 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 Sunday Feast of Christ the King – Year C – Luke 23:35 - 43**

<sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p>
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In this Sunday’s gospel we are celebrating the power of Jesus, a power he never used to his own advantage. We see how the power of Jesus works – the divine way. The power of Jesus is based on truth, honesty and forgiveness. What a great world we would have if people used their power in a Christ like way. Jesus exercises this power as he hangs on the cross in the midst of great mocking and jeering by the leaders, soldiers and one of the criminals.

Are we like Jesus as we exercise our duties of parenting and leadership of Church and State in truth, honesty and forgiveness? When were the times that we experienced Jesus’ power in our lives?

**Prayer:**

**Thank you Lord** for showing us in Jesus the true meaning of power. He came among us and even as he was hanging on the Cross he thought of others as he forgave the good Thief. He never used his role and power as Son of God to gain for himself.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we excluded people because we felt they acted unjustly towards us, rather than using these occasions as an opportunity of grace by bringing them to Jesus and uniting all through his Cross and Resurrection.

**Help us Lord** to be like Jesus turning our moments of loneliness into moments of power when we enter into communion with those in need and unite ourselves in bringing the hope and new life that Jesus brought to us all as he hung on the cross.

