



The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- November 21: 4:00 PM Mass
- November 22: 9:00 AM Mass
- November 26: Thanksgiving Day — 9:00 AM Mass
- Please see our parish website for reservation information and links to view Sunday or weekday Masses online.

Growing in Holiness

Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Mt 6:33). Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. Christ himself wants to experience this with you, in all the efforts and sacrifices that it entails, but also in all the joy and enrichment it brings. You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.

—Pope Francis
Gaudete et Exsultate

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **Matthew 25: 31-46**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who 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 drink,

a stranger and you welcomed me,

naked and you clothed me,

ill and you cared for me,

in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did

for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left,

'Depart from me, you accursed,

into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food,

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

a stranger and you gave me no welcome,

naked and you gave me no clothing,

ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,

what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

And these will go off to eternal punishment,

but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sunday Gospel Connection: November 22, 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel Background: Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.



In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Family Connection: In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the *Corporal Works of Mercy*. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: **Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy?** (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

Act of Love

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured. Amen.

For more information and Sunday Connection resources visit:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/our-lord-jesus-christ-the-king-a-sunday-connection/>

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Fill a Box = Feed a Family

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Each day add the items listed to a box (or do it all at once!) – whatever works best for you, your family and your schedule!

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- November 1 – Peanut Butter & Jelly (plastic)
 - November 2 – Fruit (canned or plastic cups)
 - November 3 – Tomatoes (canned)
 - November 4 – Tuna (canned or packets)
 - November 5 – Applesauce (plastic jar or cups)
 - November 6 – Cranberry sauce (canned)
 - November 7 – Sweet potatoes/yams (canned)
 - November 8 – Beans (canned)
 - November 9 – Soup (cream of chicken/mushroom or broth)
 - November 10 – Green beans (2 cans)
 - November 11 – Corn or carrots (2 cans of same vegetable)
 - November 12 – Pasta (box/package) & pasta sauce (plastic/can)
 - November 13 – Potatoes (boxed) & gravy (can, box or packet)
 - November 14 – Macaroni and cheese
 - November 15 – Rice (package or box)
 - November 16 – Dessert box mix (brownies or cake & frosting)
 - November 17 – Stuffing Mix (boxed)
 - November 18 – French-fried onions
 - November 19 – Brown sugar & marshmallows
 - November 20 – Cereal (box) OR pancake mix & syrup

Please email Kacie723@yahoo.com if you need a box (we have lots!)
and to arrange drop off or pick up on Saturday, November 21st.
Boxes will be donated to St. Eulalia Church on Sunday, November 22nd.