LIVING FAITH

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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. Mercy is the "true face of love."

It is by loving one another that one becomes a true disciple of Jesus and that the face of the God 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?

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FEAST THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 21 THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death"; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion: Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: "Woman, behold your son." *CCC, 964*



This year marks the 250th Anniversary of the Presentation Sisters. We wish A HAPPY FEAST DAY to the Sisters.

Since the Virgin Mary's role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. "The Virgin Mary . . . is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer. . . . She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ' . . . since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head." "Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church." *CCC, 963*

THE CHURCH TEACHES
THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Next Sunday, November 29, 2026, we begin a new Liturgical Year. The Liturgical Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. There are three Liturgical Yeares: A, B and C. This is Year B, a year in which we will hear the Gospel of Mark predominantly proclaimed.

Next week, we will learn more about the Gospel of Mark.

PEACE

HOPE

JOY

LOVE