

Solemnity of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14
Ps 93:1-2,5
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

Monday November 22 St. Cecilia

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Dn 3:52-56
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday November 23

Daniel 2:31-45
Dn 3:57-61
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & co.

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,
16-17,23-28
Dn 3:62-67
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday Nov 25

Daniel 6:12-28
Dn 3:68-74
Luke 21:20-28
(Thanksgiving)
Sirach 50:22-24
1 Cor 1:3-9
Luke 17:11-19

Friday November 26

Daniel 7:2-14
Dn 3:75-81
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday November 27

Daniel 7:15-27
Dn 3:82-87
Luke 21:34-36

When the question of Christ's kingship comes up in the Gospel, Jesus redirects us to the true meaning of divine kingship. Without denying that he is king, he says: "The reason I was born into the world is to testify to the truth." He is not the king of a country or a world; he is the king of truth, the ruler of reality.

The perception of reality that we develop when Jesus is not our teacher and interpreter and revealer of truth is warped and blurred by the falsehoods and misunderstandings and counterfeits that float around in the kingdom of the world.

When we sin, it's because we don't fully understand the reality of the situation. Jesus is not yet fully the king of that part of our lives.

For example, think of a person who has asked you for something that you cannot afford to give. Perhaps it's the sick neighbor. Or the co-worker who doesn't have the level of faith that you have. Or the aging parent who needs more and more assistance.



than we're already doing. This is a warped view of reality; it looks like we'll be happier if we cater to our own desires instead of taking care of someone else's need.

In true reality, a joyful lifestyle develops when we listen to the

voice of Jesus, even when he says, "go the extra mile" or "be like the Good Samaritan and take a detour to minister to others". We have to trust the truth that he teaches, regardless of how little we understand it.

Understanding grows in the doing of God's will more than in the thinking about it. Joy grows as we gain the understanding that comes from seeing some of the fruits of what we've done. When we sin, it's because we cannot envision the good fruits that will come from doing things the way Christ tells us to. Under his kingship and the Holy Spirit's wisdom, we gain freedom to overcome all of our sinful tendencies.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. "FEAR" is "False Evidence Appearing Real." What is fear telling you about the ways of Christ?
2. What will you do to give Jesus kingship in these areas?
3. Name a common misconception you've seen or experienced that keeps people away from Christ. Why do people believe this unreality?
4. How can we help them feel safe in learning the truth and accepting the kingship of Christ?

Do you feel like you don't have enough to satisfy their needs? Are you so tired from your own burdens that you cannot take on someone else's? Well, it's our flesh nature that says we cannot enjoy doing more for others