



## Christ the King

For most of us living in the modern world, the idea of a king is a rather foreign concept. We have read about kings and queens in history class. We have seen royalty portrayed in movies. Perhaps we even dreamt about living in medieval times and enjoying our lives in a Camelot-like setting. Kings are often portrayed in history as people who have had absolute power. They were revered, lived in beautiful palaces and had every need provided for. Ideally, they were to care for the people of the land. Love and care for their subjects were to have been a top priority for the kings. However, we all know that many kings abused their power and authority caring only for themselves and their riches.

On this feast of Christ the King, we are asked to think about a different concept of kingship. Jesus Christ as King is not the kind of king who lives in a beautiful palace, wearing exquisite robes, commanding a powerful army and ordering people about. Jesus came into the world in the humblest of settings and from the beginning of His public ministry, taught His disciples that if they wanted to be first in the Kingdom of God, they had to serve the needs of all. Jesus said, "I came not to be served, but to serve." (Matthew 20:28) He is asking us, His disciples, to do the same. Jesus Christ is our King and we are His subjects. We love our Lord, paying homage and listening to Him.

We end our liturgical year with this beautiful feast of Christ the King. Let us remember where our true loyalty must be. Let us remain faithful to Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve. Let us imitate Him by serving our brothers and sisters in a spirit of peace and love.

*Father David*

### St. James Christmas Basket Program

Family selection process for St. James Christmas Basket Project began November 11/12 and will continue until all families are chosen. Please prayerfully consider adopting a needy family for Christmas. Small, Medium and Large sized families are available for you to adopt in the narthex this weekend after all masses. If you cannot adopt an entire family, please consider buying gift cards from our Crusader Cash table to go towards this project.

