

NOVEMBER 28, 2016



# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

PSALM 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

LUKE 23:35-43

## REFLECTION

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next Sunday begins Advent and a new year. As we conclude the liturgical year, it is fitting that the Church hails our Lord and Savior as King of all creation. But what kind of king is he? Jesus is the king of heaven and earth, and his crown of glory was one of thorns. He rode in triumph on a donkey rather than on a regal horse, and his life was lived in humility and service rather than power and riches. The entirety of the liturgical year proclaims various aspects of the life of our King, Jesus the Christ, which culminate in today's solemnity.

## ACTION

For today's solemnity you have an opportunity to do some good in your community. Orchestrate a "Gifts for the King" drive in your parish community with your youth group. Over the course of the next few weeks, invite people to bring in items to give to the King. Decorate four large boxes that can be placed in a prominent place (connect with your youth minister or another staff person about where would be best and to advertise for this), and identify what types of gifts are to go in each: Food Box, School Box, Care Box, and Personal Needs Box. Ask people in the community to bring items for each of these boxes, which can then be donated to a local homeless shelter or soup kitchen. In giving these gifts to those who are living in poverty, we can truly give gifts to our one True King!



## JOURNALING QUESTIONS



● Faced with the Cross, Jesus died as he had lived: with integrity. What does it mean for one to live with integrity? How can you live your life with integrity? Examine recent events in your life and choose one in which you had a decision to make. Did you respond with integrity? Why or why not?