



# Building Faith @ HOME

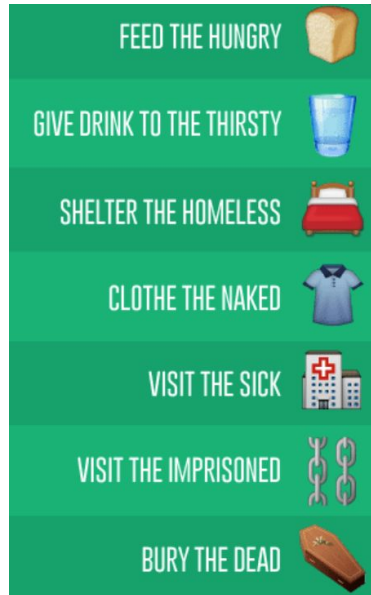
[1st Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17](#)  
[Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6](#)  
[Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28](#)  
[Gospel: Mt 25:31-46](#)

## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This Liturgical year (Year A) began on the First Sunday of Advent, and it ends today with the Feast of Christ the King. During the Liturgical year, we re-live the life of Christ and try to immerse ourselves in the kingdom he came to establish. This is a time to reflect on our own journey through the past year with Jesus. Reflecting on the teachings we have heard each Sunday from this year's Gospels, Matthew tells us that Jesus of Nazareth is the long-awaited Messiah.

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. Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. 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.



### The Homeless Jesus Statue in Syracuse

As a family, take time to visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, our diocesan home church, Outside of the church, take a moment to see the "Homeless Jesus" statue. Notice the details of the statue. Learn more from this pas article in the Catholic Sun.

[thecatholicsun.com/homeless-jesus-cathedral/](http://thecatholicsun.com/homeless-jesus-cathedral/)



## Family Table Talk

**Question for Children:** Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them?

**Question for Youth:** What barriers prevent you from showing compassion and service to others? How can you work on shifting from indifference to active care?

**Question for Adults:** Is Christ more king of my life now than a year ago?



Jesus wants us to show mercy to others. We do these through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Jesus also tells us of mercy in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." (Mt. 5:7)

November 30 - Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle



St. Andrew was the FIRST disciple! He is the patron saint of fishermen. He was born in what is now Israel.

## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- [Loyolapress.com](http://Loyolapress.com) - St. Andrew the Apostle
- [Catholicicing.com](http://Catholicicing.com) - Get ready for Advent! Advent Wreaths 101 (Family Faith Builder)
- [catholicapostolatecenter.org](http://catholicapostolatecenter.org) - Works of Mercy (Teens & Adult Faith Builder)
- [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) - My trust is in the King, Katie Prejean McGrady (Teen Faith Builder)
- [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) - Being Catholic: The Feast of Christ the King, Fr. Zach Miller (All ages Faith Builder)



November 26, 2023

Prayer Time This Week!



# Prayer@HOME

## Sing A Prayer!

### Christ Our King Song

*(Sing to the tune of Frere Jacques)*

Jesus Christ  
Jesus Christ  
is our king;  
is our king.

He rules with peace and justice.  
He gives life to all people.  
We praise him.  
Praise our king.

Let us worship,  
let us worship,  
Christ our king;  
Christ our king.

As king he shows the way,  
the truth, and the life.  
We praise him.  
Praise our king.

Cut & Pray!



**Scripture Verse of the Week**  
**From Sunday's Mass**  
**November 26th, 2023**



"Amen, I say to you,  
what you did not do for one of  
these least ones,  
you did not do for me."  
Mt 25:45

Pray for people around the world who are  
lost, frightened and in need of the  
Shepherd's care.



## Christ the King

### Building Prayer Time @ Home

This will be a series of family activities to try as your families start or strengthen prayer time.

### Advent Traditions Explained

A WEBINAR WITH AMY WELBORN



Next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent. During the next week, learn more about the traditions of Advent so that you might want to incorporate more into your family traditions. This free webinar from Loyola Press is for all parents, grandparents, teachers... anyone! All those registered will also receive the archived recording to watch at your own leisure

Registration Link:

[https://bit.ly/Loyola\\_Press\\_Advent](https://bit.ly/Loyola_Press_Advent)



**Advent Traditions Explained**  
**A Webinar with Amy Welborn**  
**November 29, 2023 at 3:00PM**