Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."

Catholic Climate Covenant
Together for our Common Home

Homily Helps and Petitions for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Cycle A, November 22, 2026

Homily Helps

† **Scripture Passages to Note:**

Ezekiel 34: As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so I will tend my sheep.... I myself will give them rest.

Psalm 23: You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

1 Corinthians 15: For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life.

Matthew 25: "'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

† **Comments for the Day:**

The Feast of Christ the King celebrates two different aspects of Christ's kingship. Ezekiel describes God's tender care for humanity, while Matthew shows Jesus as a just judge rewarding those who follow him – in his love for the poor, the needy, the sick, and the victims of injustice. He also condemned those who focus only on themselves and their own needs.

Those who love God and His only son understand that the King of the Universe can be found in the poor and unfortunate of this earth, our common home.

Pope Francis stresses that his priorities are care for the earth and care for the poor. By caring for the earth and its creatures, and for the poor who suffer from problems like climate change, we are truly serving Christ the King.

† **Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:**

Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested is interested in their preservation. But the cost of damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. (36)

"We have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*" (49)

We must continue to be aware that, regarding climate change, there are *differentiated responsibilities*. As the U.S. bishops have said, greater attention must be given to "the needs of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable, in a debate often dominated by more powerful interests". (52)

The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship … The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence. (100)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we may see Christ the King in the poor, the hungry, and each other, let us pray to the Lord …

Option 2: That we may look beyond our present needs and wishes to see the poor and disadvantaged, let us pray to the Lord …

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