



**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

"In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love. " Retrieved from:

<<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/our-lord-jesus-christ-the-king-a-sunday-connection/>>

## THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS

During the Year of Vocations, each of us is invited to discern and recognize how God is *calling* us to share the Good News of the Gospel. Today's Gospel calls us to be merciful. In "Dives in Misericordia", John Paul II reminds us that "Christ taught that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God but that he is *called* to practice mercy towards others". And Pope Francis wrote, "At times we are *called* to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives."

As we celebrate both the Solemnity of Christ the King and the Feast of St. Cecilia on November 22, here is a beautiful hymn sung by Sarah Hart. She has been gifted, *called* and sent to share the gospel through her music.

[Youtube.com](#) Hymn to Christ the King, Sarah Hart

Get ready for Advent! next week (November 29th) is the First Week of Advent. Here is everything you need to know to prepare your Advent wreath: [Catholicicing.com- Advent Wreaths 101](#)

## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[catholicapostolatecenter.org](#) - Works of Mercy (Teens & Adult Faith Builder)

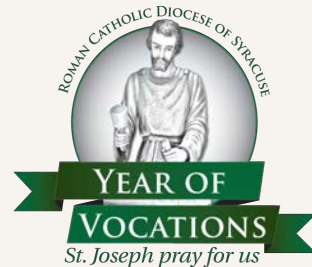
[uscgb.org](#) - My trust is in the King , Katie Prejean McGrady (Teen Faith Builder)

[youtube.com](#) - Being Catholic: The Feast of Christ the King , Fr. Zach Miller (All ages Faith Builder)

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*How are you being called to be missionaries of hope by witnessing the infinite mercy of God through works of mercy in your daily life?*



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