



THE JOY OF GIVING

Week 3 — Building Our Treasure in Heaven — November 23-29

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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Source of every good and perfect gift, we come before You with grateful hearts. You have given us life, faith, and the promise of eternal love through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord, teach us the true joy of giving—not from duty or fear, but from hearts overflowing with gratitude. May we see in every act of generosity a reflection of Your own boundless mercy.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the needs of others, and open our hands to share what we have received. Bless our parish family, O Lord, that through this journey we may grow in faith, hope, and love.

May the joy of giving draw us ever closer to You, and may our lives bear witness to Your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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- **First Reading:** David is anointed King of Israel
- **Psalms:** Reminds us to go with joy to the house of the Lord
- **Second Reading:** Reminds us that in Him all things hold together
- **Gospel Reading:** Jesus promises the “good thief” paradise

Gospel Insights

As we honor Christ the King, we proclaim that He is Lord not only of heaven and earth—but also of our family, finances and future.

Every time we give generously, we declare: **“Christ reigns over my priorities, my paycheck, my possessions, my life.”**

Giving is an act of trust, showing that we believe God will provide for our needs. Our financial gifts make His Kingdom visible—feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and sharing the Gospel.

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This Christ the King Sunday, may our offerings reflect our devotion to the One who gave everything for us.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DIALOGUE

Take some time to reflect on this week's message and discuss with your group:

1. What does it mean for you personally to say, "Christ is my King"?
2. Where in your life do you sense Christ inviting you to greater trust and surrender?
3. In Matthew 25, Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, the sick, and the imprisoned. How does this shape the way we see and serve others?
4. If someone looked at our parish, what signs would they see that we are building up the Kingdom of God?
5. How has your involvement in ministry that builds up the Kingdom impacted you?

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Matthew 25:40: "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Philippians 2:9-11: "God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Colossians 1:17-18: "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

PRAY

- Spend time each day thanking God for what you have and asking for the courage to give generously.
- Pray for a generous spirit among our community.

ACT

- Turn in your Commitment Card this week (if you have not already)
- Joyfully DO a work of mercy (feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, clothing the naked...)

INSPIRE

- Share how your Church has impacted you with someone.
- Invite someone to join you for Advent Wreath Making next weekend.

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE GROUP

Take some time to pray together for the persons or people on the Hearts of your small group members.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our King and Savior, thank You for teaching us that true greatness comes from giving and serving. Help us to trust You with all that we have and all that we are.

May our lives reflect Your love, and may our hearts overflow with generosity.

Strengthen us to build up Your Kingdom here on earth, so that others may see Your light and give glory to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Our next tour is for the Advent Season

Let There Be Light

begins November 30