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Dear Friends in Christ the King,

Today we are celebrating the feast of Christ the King. By celebrating this beautiful feast, Jesus invites every one of us to be under His kingship of love and peace. This is the last feast of this liturgical year, and beginning next Sunday we enter into a new season of our faith. The advent season, a season to prepare ourselves both internally and externally to receive Jesus the King to our lives as savior and redeemer. Thus the feast of Christ the King is an announcement prior to His solemn coming.

The beauty and the uniqueness of our King is that, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men." Thus He identifies Himself with each and every one of us, especially the least in the world. That is why Jesus says in the Gospel that, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me". The most important characteristics of Jesus was that He never compared Himself with the rich and the elite people of the society, but rather He identified Himself with the poor and the least and always had a special concern for the poor and the needy. Through resurrection He became the king of both rich and the poor.

The kingship of Jesus is not at all similar to the kingship, and its way of ruling that we have here in the world. Jesus says, "My Kingdom does not belong to this world". From birth to death, Jesus the King did not have anything to be proud of like any other king of this world. His parents were the most ordinary people, He did not have a decent place to be born, Jesus the King did not have a palace to live, He did not have horses to travel around, He did not have servers to do His work, He did not have an army to protect His kingdom, He did not have armed body guards to save His life from enemies, and He did not have a decent death, but still they and we consider Him as the King. Yes, He was not the king of power and might, but He was the king of love and peace, and this love and peace are His greatest power too.

Dear friends, last weekend Jesus reminded us to use our talents wisely, and today Jesus shows us the way to use our talents wisely by experiencing and sharing His power of love and peace with everyone by giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, by clothing the naked, by caring for the sick, by visiting the prisoner etc. Yes, just as Jesus is, He invites every one of us to identify ourselves with the least in the world and thus opens the door to become a king of love and peace in this world. Yes, the challenge of this feast of the Christ the King is to reach out to the basic needs of the least one of this world. Jesus reminds us again, "whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" and "whatever you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me". May the Good Lord Bless you.

| | Announcements | This Week's Birthdays: |
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| Choir Practice: 11/23 at | | Hershel Smith 11/25 |
| December 5, 2014, at 12:05 p.m. Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral for Bishop McRaith's 80 th birthday. All are invited to attend. | | Branda Haire 11/26 <u>This Week's Anniversaries:</u> Paul & Tracy Miller 11/26 26 yrs |
| | emembrance set up in church during the month of ohotos of your deceased loved ones in church in fror | |
| Christmas Season, we ask | for families in need. In place of food baskets this that you donate to the St. Vincent de Paul collection ent, we will have a second collection to help those in | |
| Parish Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. No meat provided, everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish. | | e Church cleaner: Brenda Dunivan 11/9 - 11/22 Linda Evans 11/23 - 12/6 |
| There will <u>not</u> be a first Su | nday breakfast in December. | |
| Parish Council Meeting on December 10, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. | | <i>Weekly Budget:</i> \$1,221.15 <i>Collections:</i> \$2,355.10 |
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