



# Building Faith@HOME

Solemnity of Christ the King

November 24, 2024  
Christ the King Sunday

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November 30, Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle  
"We have found the Messiah."

- St. Andrew (John 1:41)

### Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. The very first person to call Christ "king" was Pilate, the Roman governor who ordered Jesus crucified and a sign posted above his body reading: "King of the Jews" (John 19:19). In this title, Jesus fulfills God's promise to David that he would raise up a successor to David whose kingdom would last forever (2 Samuel 7:16).

As we listen to this Gospel passage, we are invited into this conversation between Pilate and Jesus. Notice there are three questions raised and three responses by Jesus. Jesus speaks of a kingdom not of this world, yet at the same time it does belong in this world and its followers have a role to play in truth and justice. Like Jesus, the kingdom does not seek power and its followers are not power brokers. Pilate has a difficult time understanding this kind of "king" as he is more concerned with illusions of grandeur rather than truth.

On this feast of Christ the King of the Universe, how is your life affected by living it under the kingship of Jesus?

### SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Andrew was the brother of Simon (St. Peter). He was a follower of John the Baptist and then became the "first apostle" of Jesus. He was a fisherman until giving it up completely to follow Our Lord. He preached the gospel in Greece after the Ascension and was put to death there.

He is the patron saint of Scotland and Russia.

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### Family Table Talk

What does a king do? In what way is Jesus your king?

How does it change our lives that Christ is the ruler of the whole universe?

### Prayer for this Week

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



### Feast for a "king"

Celebrate Christ the King at your family dinner!

Serve this "Quick & Easy Chicken a La King!"

[bit.ly/Chicken-ala-King](http://bit.ly/Chicken-ala-King)

### Adult Faith Builder



Bishop Barron explains the historical and spiritual significance of Christ the King Sunday. Watch this one-minute video



[bit.ly/Bishop-Barron-Feast-of-Christ-the-King](http://bit.ly/Bishop-Barron-Feast-of-Christ-the-King)

### Reflect

How do we personally acknowledge Christ as King in our daily lives?  
What does it mean for us to belong to a Kingdom "not of this world"?

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## The Good King

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# More Faith Builders!



The Greek word "eucharisteo" means "to give thanks." The Catechism states that the Eucharist "is an act of thanksgiving to God" (No. 1329). Did you know the entire Mass is a prayer of thanksgiving. Learn more here:



[bit.ly/Eucharist-Means-Thanksgiving](http://bit.ly/Eucharist-Means-Thanksgiving)

## Make "Blessing Mix" as a family!

In a large bowl, mix together these ingredients:

- 2 cups Bugles
- 2 cups small pretzel twists
- 2 cups Goldfish crackers
- 1 cup peanuts (or other for nut to avoid allergies)
- 1 cup dried fruit (I used cranberries)
- 1 cup candy corn
- 1 cup M&M's
- 16-20 unwrapped Hershey kisses

Share the blessing mix with the description below:

## Blessing Mix

**Bugles**- Shaped like the cornucopia, the horn of plenty

**Pretzels**- Arms crossed and folded in thanks and prayer.

**Candy Corn**- The sacrifices of the first winter

**Goldfish**- The blessing that the abundant sea life provided for early settlers

**Dried Fruits**- The bountiful fruits of the earth, gathered at harvest time.

**Nuts**- The promise of a future harvest if seeds are planted and tended with care

**M&M's**- Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.

**Hershey Kiss**- The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.



## Participate in Prayer!

The "Gloria" prayer serves as a powerful proclamation of praise and acknowledgment of Christ's sovereignty and glory. This Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, **participate in praying and reflecting** on the words of the "Gloria" as a celebration of Christ's divine kingship. Use this as a family prayer this week as we prepare for Advent to begin next week.

### The Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.*

*We praise you,*

*we bless you,*

*we adore you,*

*we glorify you,*

*we give you thanks for your great glory,*

*Lord God, heavenly King,*

*O God, almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,*

*Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

*you take away the sins of the world, have mercy*

*on us;*

*you take away the sins of the world, receive our*

*prayer;*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father,*

*have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,*

*you alone are the Lord,*

*you alone are the Most High,*

*Jesus Christ,*

*with the Holy Spirit,*

*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Listen for these words:



"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God"

At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, you will hear the priest say these words to remind us that we are all together to thank God for His love and the special gift of Jesus. What is our response to this?

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