

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD:

Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'



REFLECT

In the last week of the Church's year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church year, which focuses on the heart of Jesus' message for us. Jesus invites us all to live in God's kingdom and shows us, by all he says and does, how to make this a reality. We hear in the Gospel that it was just as difficult 2,000 years ago to believe in Jesus as it is today. Even as he was dying on the cross, people were mocking him. No one could understand why he didn't use his power to save himself. But Jesus shows us by his example that, although putting love first in our lives might be difficult and involve pain and suffering, it is the way to paradise. The kingdom of God is something we will enjoy fully after we die- but it is also something we can enjoy here and now! Living a life of love, treating people with fairness and building a better world will bring us deep happiness.

Christ the King is also youth Sunday. On Youth Sunday, we remember that the Church needs your energy, your joy, and your gifts. You are not just the future of the Church—you are its present. When you live with Christ as your king, you show the world that His kingdom is alive here and now.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, our King and Friend,
thank You for loving us and showing us Your way.
Help us to make You the King of our hearts,
by being kind, forgiving, and brave each day.

Bless all young people in our Church,
that we may share Your joy and light with others.
Guide us to build Your kingdom here on earth,
through our words, our choices, and our love.
Amen.

MISSION

This week's mission focuses on kindness, forgiveness, and courage—the three ways you can actively live out Christ's kingship in their daily lives.

- **Choose kindness.** Each day, look for one person you can help or encourage—maybe by sharing, listening, or including someone who feels left out.
- **Choose forgiveness.** If someone annoys you or hurts your feelings, try to forgive them instead of staying upset.
- **Show courage.** Stand up for what is right, even if it's hard—like telling the truth, or defending someone being teased.