The Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Readings: 1) Daniel 7:13-14 2) Revelation 1:5-8 3) John 18:33b-37

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today is that Jesus, King of heaven and earth, cares for all his people and calls us to love and serve him in return.

This final Sunday in Ordinary time is marked as the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus, our King, has all power in heaven and earth. The Church represents the kingdom on earth. We, as members of that kingdom, are expected to follow the example of Jesus. He rules with love, service and compassion, and calls us to do the same.

All of today's readings address the idea of kingship. Daniel's vision sees the king in everlasting glory being served by all nations. The second reading names the King as Jesus Christ and affirms his reign as absolute and everlasting. John's Gospel relays the exchange between Jesus and Pilate before his crucifixion, where Jesus confirms his kingdom is not of this world.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With trust in our God of love and compassion, we gather our prayers and offer them to him.

For the Church and all called by Christ. may they serve with joy and a sharing spirit. We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For all world leaders, may they respect life from conception to natural death. We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit; may their spirits be lifted by God's loving care. We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead, may they rejoice in eternal life with our Lord. We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For this faith community, may we embrace the Gospel with heart and soul. We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions. We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Lord, on this day when we celebrate your almighty kingship, we ask you to hear the words of your people and grant our needs as you will. We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.