

# Solemnity of Christ the King

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The Church wants us to pray over and think about the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. Today, Christ the King shares this scene of the last day. Jesus Christ will come in favorite role as the Good Shepherd. This shepherd king will claim his flock and turn his kingdom over to God, the Father.

While preparing for the homily, I found the meditation for today in the Word Among us which we have available at the entrance of the church as a daily devotional. I will share some of the thoughts with you. One of the priests at Wadhams Hall at the morning meditation would say: Picture it if you will!

We will see Jesus sitting upon his glorious throne with all the nations gathered around him. For example, a famous pilgrimage in India is currently the largest pilgrimage in the world. It draws 30 million people. This gathering will pale in comparison to the thirteen billion of today coming together and all of God's People from the beginning of the human race.

Picture Jesus as he draws all people to himself with his love and beauty. Our Holy Father draws so many to himself when he makes a pastoral visit. Think back on John Paul II's funeral liturgy and the millions that were there in Rome and they were all shouting: Make him a saint soon! Remember how Pope John Paul projected a sense of love, joy, personal concern like you were the only person in the world at any particular moment, his sense of hope. But even John Paul II will not come close to what we will experience when Jesus comes with his love purity and joy.

And at the same time, we will experience a new heaven and a new earth. If you have been to Disney Land you know why it is called the happiest place on earth. It was the only place I did not mind waiting in line. From my point of view. It was so well organized and so fascinating in so many ways. In the kingdom, there will be nothing but peace joy and contentment in the presence of God who is love itself.

But first will come the judgment of the world. The question that we should ask ourselves will we be judged as a sheep as a goat. How can we prepare for this meeting with Christ right now? The answer is found in the spiritual and corporal

works of mercy Jesus says: whenever you did it for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for Me. Does Christ's coming instill fear or bring peace to your heart. If it brings fear, why is there fear, love overcomes all fear.

As in the last Book of the Bible, all we can pray is Come Lord Jesus! Be the King the King of my heart.