

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*



**The Liturgical colour for today's feast is white.
White is the colour for celebration of the great events
in our Christian story**



Every year we travel with Jesus through His life among us.

The year starts on the first Sunday of Advent and ends on this Sunday, the feast of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*.

We share in all the joys, sorrows, hopes, struggles, pains, healing and challenges with Jesus in His life and in our life as we are all a part of Him.

We grow each year and so we are invited to experience being part of Jesus according to what is happening for us – we share the particular joys, sorrows, needs, etc. of each day and look to the Gospel for a way to best live life today.

On this feast we consider how we can build God's kingdom of love in our homes and community. We also are asked to accept that God is really protecting us and loving us as precious members of God's beautiful kingdom of love and peace.

Luke 23:35-43

The King of the Jews



And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying:

He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Do you sometimes scoff at people or jeer them when they are doing the right thing?

Do you put other people down as the leaders did to Jesus?



The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying:

If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

How do you think Jesus feels
when He is scoffed at?
How do you think Jesus feels
when He sees you being hurt by
other people?



There was also an inscription over him, '**This is the King of the Jews.**' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying:

Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

**This man stood up for Jesus even though he was suffering himself!
He wasn't afraid to think for himself and speak the truth!**

He was building the Kingdom of love!

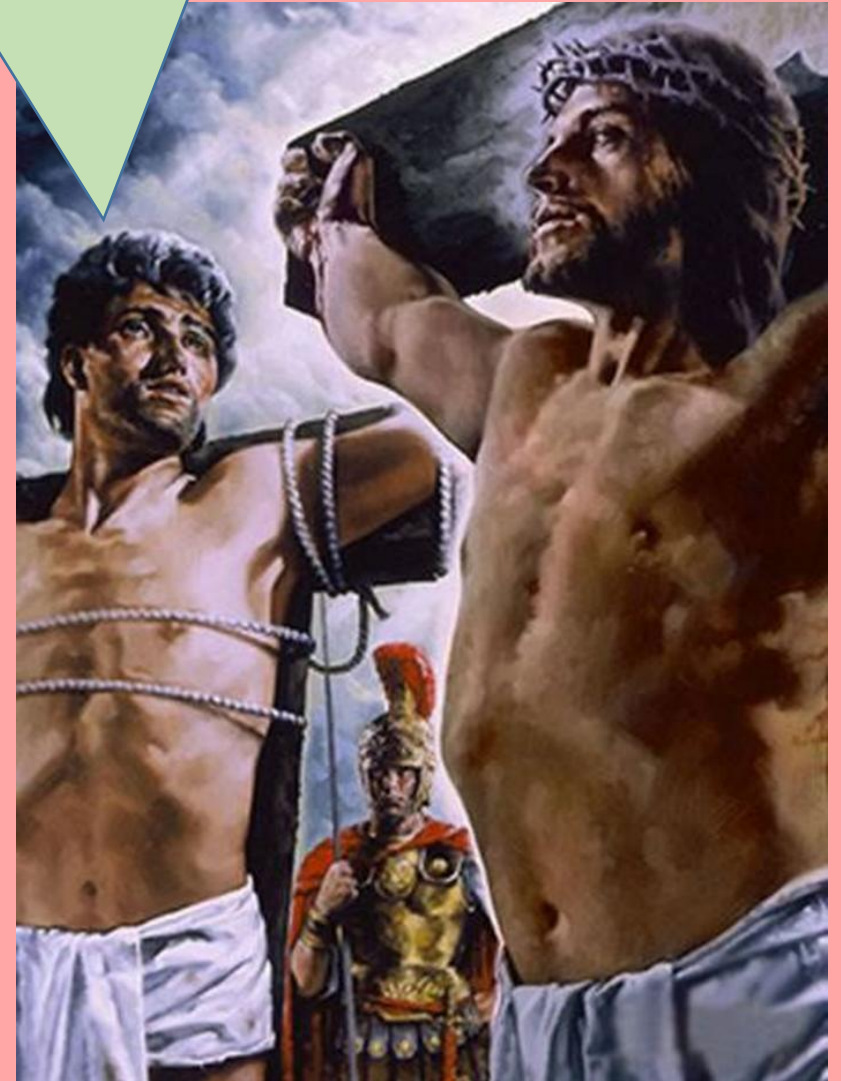


***Jesus, remember me when you come
into your kingdom.***

**This thief knew that God was beside him!
He believed even though everyone around
him didn't want to!**

**Jesus is right beside you now –within you,
around you in everyone God has made!**

**Close your eyes and just be with God for a few
minutes.**



Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.



Jesus lets the thief know that he will join Jesus in the eternal Kingdom for all time!

That same gift is there for each of us – if we choose to share in God's Kingdom of love on earth!

Bible Search

Read **Luke 23:35-43** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



How are you going to add love to your share in God's Kingdom this week?

Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to know that God is truly
present with you right now!**

