

PASTOR'S CORNER



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

If there is one thing today's feast should stand against, it is our pride.

Humility is about reality. We counter pride by coming to terms with how things really are. And this is how they are: Jesus Christ is our God and our King. He is the source of all goodness – our creator and the very sustainer of our being. And he has given each of us a charge and will demand from us an accounting.

We are as nothing before he who is all in all. And yet at the same time, he loved us so much that he became one of us and suffered and died for us.

True humility, then, must accept not only the lowliness of our fallen nature but (actually first and foremost) the tremendous outpouring of grace and mercy that we receive while we are still yet sinners.

Jesus Christ is our sovereign king, *he who is head of the body, Church* – and so we need to allow him to rule over his Church and not insist that we know better or decide our own rules.

Jesus Christ is our sovereign king, *in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the remission of sins*; and therefore we need to submit the judgment of our sins to him – neither being presumptuous and presuming we are forgiven without answering to God nor refusing to receive God's forgiveness because I have not met my own criteria for when I can be forgiven.

Jesus Christ is our sovereign king, and God the Father *has delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love* – and so having been made worthy *to be partakers of the lot of the Saints in light* we must receive his invitation to be his disciples and to be transformed by his truth as we grow in the imitation of Our Lord and savior.

Our King gave his life for us and still feeds us with his body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament – may we *hear his voice* and respond through the humility and obedience that cannot be separated from love: following his commands, submitting to his judgment, and receiving that wondrous care for us; the mercy *and peace* that only comes *through the Blood of His cross*.

In Christ, through Mary,

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