

**FR.TK REFLECTIONS 34<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY YEAR A 2020**  
**CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**

We cannot get a better theme to conclude the last Sunday of the year more than the crowning of Christ as the Universal King. This is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year.

On this last Sunday, Jesus is pictured as a King and a Judge. It describes the last judgement where everyone will be in one of two categories, left or right, sheep or goat. All men and women from different backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, religion, political affiliations, rock stars, scientists, doctors, nurses, lawyers, religious, and men and women of all professions will be gathered for the great judgement day. The entire human race will have to appear before Jesus of Nazareth, The Risen Lord.

We will all face the great TEST – WHAT YOU DID TO THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID TO ME. What a test on our final day on this earth. What side do you think you will on? Left or right, among the sheep or among the goats? The DECISION is up to you today. The call is there, and the breakdown is clear and straight. We will be judged by our Dos and Don'ts, our omissions, and our commissions. What we have done or not done to uplift the poor, the lonely, the maligned, naked, homeless, imprisoned, the sick?

I was hungry not only for food but for a SMILE but got a rude shock of a look.  
Hungry for an encouraging word but only got a pointing finger of mistake.  
Hungry for a word of appreciation.

I was thirsty not only for physical water but for recognition, signs of friendship, companionship but you ignored me.

I was a stranger, one who was different from you and you refused to have anything to do with me.

I was a child you refused and forbade your children to play with me.

I was a lonely neighbor your never checked on. I was lonely when I lost my child, my husband, when I was going through a divorce.

I was naked not that I lacked clothes but lacked self-worth, self-esteem, self-confidence but you dismissed me with the chill of not paying attention.

I was sick not only physically but with doubt, worry, depression, and stress, and you never provided me with the medicine I needed of hope and encouragement.

I was homeless not in need of a house, but of tenderness, affection, sympathy, care, and love but you left me in that coldness of loneliness.

I was a prisoner of nerves and stress, but you gave me a cold shoulder.

Those on his right will receive the medal of admittance to God's kingdom. They fed the hungry and poor with a smile, the thirsty with recognition, the stranger with self-worth, the sick from doubt and worry with cheerfulness, the homeless with tenderness and understanding. This is the call of Christianity, especially in this present pandemic period.

How are we going to respond to the needs of others as we go back to LOCKDOWN? The biggest disease in the world today is not corona, malaria, aids, leprosy, cancer but the FEELING OF BEING UNWANTED. (St Martha Theresa)

The greatest evil we have in the society is not terrorism or gun shooting but a lack of love and indifference towards one's neighbor. What the society needs NOW is BEING WANTED. Let us appreciate the well-being of others as we come to the end of this liturgical year. Let us be SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.