

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 34th SUNDAY YEAR C-2022

THE KING ON THE CROSS!

This 34th Sunday of the year is the culmination of the the church calendar year.Next week is advent as well as the beginning of the new church year.We celebrate today the **solemnity of Christ the universal king.**

Whenever we think of a King,we automatically associate that with **castles,crowns,expensive robes,jewelry,wealthy and power.**We have read and seen so many powerful kings and kingdom in History.We had Roman Empire,Greek,Germany ,Spanish,Portuguese,British,Japanese,African Kingdoms,**all come and gone.These were earthy kings and kingdom mostly politically motivated hence their powers were short lived.**They had powerful Army,strong supporters and sophisticated weapons all to express power to **colonize and Rule.**

The most surprising thing in our gospel today,the king we are celebrating **seems to have lost direction and grip and He is on the cross, yet after two thousand years** we are celebrating Him and the Kingdom **he established is everlasting.**

His servants were not **Big army with sophisticated weapons but small batch of coward disciples** one **betrayed him,**another **denied him** and others **took off,**they were nowhere to be found near the **cross except His Loving mother with few supporters of wailing women and one courageous disciple.** His crown was not golden but rather made of thorns,no rings on his finger only nails in his hands and feet.No royal robes instead he was **stripped naked** and his only cloak was

contested on who is going to have it. There was no Cheering and **praising of a king but rather mocking from his enemies, shouting crucify him, crucify him.** That is the universal king on the **Cross, condemned as a criminal ,tortured and executed** establishing the kingdom of **peace, love, unity and service for all** and wants our participation into that establishment.

That is the king we are celebrating who come down to our level to lift us up to His level. The king who knows **rejection, suffering Misunderstanding and humiliation.**

The king who saved us and the whole world by that **wooden Cross.** That moment on the cross, **weak low, desperate** and when all seems to be over that was the moment of **strength.** It was on that moment that he does what **nobody has ever done, He forgave and Absolves those who crucified him** (father forgive them for they don't know what they are doing (Lk.23:34) He too forgave a **man's sins of life and entry into Gods kingdom.** (Lk.23:43 **truly you will be with today in paradise).**

What looks like a moment of weakness it becomes an enormous **supernatural power on Calvary, the lock springs are opened, walls broken and the heaven opened.**

Though it looked a lonely place on the cross it turned out to be a metropolitan place of grace where many people continue to gather always from all works of life and places in the world.

The Cross has become **hospital for souls, Bridge to go back to the father, light house for direction, school to learn truth about God forgiveness, power station of strength a sword of spiritual battle and fortress in times of temptations.**

It is here where **priests, nuns, Doctors, nurses, teachers, rockstars military personnel, writers, meet and turn to Christ** as they

approach their evenings in life and whisper those words of the thief **JESUS REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM TRULY YOU WILL BE WITH ME TODAY IN PARADISE:**