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CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING:

We cannot get a better theme to conclude the last Sunday of the church calendar year more than ***crowning of Christ as the universal King of universe.***

These last few Sundays our readings have been preparing us in different aspect in awaiting to meet our lord. We had the parable of the ten bridesmaid, it taught us **how to be on stand by**. Last Sunday we had the parable of **talents and giving back our account of how we have used the different talents**, today the parable of **last judgement** where do we stand in this great last judgement. All these parables are emphasizing that we live in a **responsible, authentic and faithful manner as we await the coming of our Lord.**

We are celebrating this last Sunday of the year crowning Jesus as the universal king. what a good time for us to go back to ourselves and **see where we are coming from, where we are and this will point for us the direction we should take as we begin another year. where do we need to improve, get rid or retain!**

The parable in the gospel is very disturbing and worrying it pictures Christ as **king and judge**. It describes a moment where all the nations will be gathered together and all the people will be divided into two groups, men, women, Eskimos, Hindus, Islam, atheist, , American, African, Filipinos, Mexican, Doctors, pilots computer programmers, Dentists, care givers, nuns priests, bartenders all will face **Jesus of Nazareth who will be the judge of entire human race. All must appear to the risen Lord** regardless of who or what you are, the last The great question is **which side will you be.**

The direction we will take will depend on the examination paper which has no guess work **whatever you did to the of my brethren you did unto me!** the call is there and the breakdown is very straight. we will be judged according to our **Dos and DONTs, our omissions and commissions. what we have done and not done** to uplift the **poor, the lonely, marginalised, naked, homeless, imprisoned and the sick.**

-I was hungry not only for food but for a smile but you gave me a rude shock of a look.

Hungry for an encouraging word but got only pointing accusing finger of mistake and no appreciation despite my effort.

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

-I was a stranger different from you but you refused to have anything to do with me due to my color, language and background.

-I was a child you forbade your children to play with me because of class.

-I was a lonely Neighbour you never checked on me, I was lonely when I lost a loved one and when I was going through divorce, crisis in my vocation and you never gave me support and direction.

-I was naked not that I lacked clothes but self worthy, esteem and self confidence but you dismissed me without paying attention.

-I was sick not only physical but with doubt, worry, depression stress but you refused me medicine of hope and encouragement.

Our admission either to right or left in the kingdom will depend on how we managed the poor, the sick, hunger, thirsty and the naked with a smile, recognition, self worthy cheerfulness, tenderness and understanding. This is the call, of humanity and especially in this present society of selfishness.

The biggest disease we have in the world today is not coronavirus, cancer, HIV/AIDS, malaria but **feeling of being unwanted** (St. Martha Teresa), too the greatest threat we have is not terrorism, gunshooting but lack of **love, indifference and insensitivity towards one another.**