The Catholic Tugboat

A Children's Guide to God

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Buried Treasures

Every year on Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday of the Church year), we hear the Gospel that describes the Second Coming of Jesus. At this time, He will 'separate the goats from the sheep.' This language describes the sorting out that will be done among the people of the earth. Those who loved God, the sheep, will go to live with God, while those who loved themselves more than God, the goats, will not live with God.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalms 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46



Jesus then gives us the actions, or works, that show we love God more than ourselves. These lead us to a state of true happiness and to God. We know these works as the ***Corporal Works of Mercy:*** feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

Make a list of these seven Works of Mercy and tape them to your wall. We will be using this list very soon!

Catholic I.D.

At the end of every year, we are reminded that the world will someday end. At this time, "The resurrection of all the dead, 'of both the just and the unjust,' will precede the Last Judgment. This will be 'the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man's] voice and come forth." *(CCC 1038)*



We are not to worry, though. Jesus has prepared us! Giving us the ability to rule over ourselves and choose right actions, He made us 'kings of our own castle.' This royal power, when used to cooperate with Him, leads us to God. *(CCC 908)*

From Your Lips to God's Ear



When we say, "Amen," we are saying "Yes! I believe!" Belief and love turn our conversations into a prayer. Where is prayer born? "Scripture speaks… most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain." *(CCC 2562)*

When we are close to God, our prayer offers us up to Him. It is an important tool for our journey, 'teaching us about ourselves and our Father in heaven.' *(CCC 2783)* And the Our Father is the best of all the prayers.



Our Salvation History: Looking Back to Move Forward

Next Sunday is the first day of Advent, the beginning of a new Liturgical Year (B). This makes today kind of a "New Year's Eve," a good time to look back on our journey over the past year... and to look forward to where we are going.

This year, events in the Old Testament reminded us of all the kings that came before Jesus in our salvation history. None of them turned out to be what God's people wanted or needed.

Saul, a great warrior, looked for praise and honor instead of what God wanted him to do. Even David, who was God's special one, put his own wants ahead of God's Law. David's son, Solomon, was the wisest of all the kings, but he became blinded by all of his riches. And his son, Rehoboam, wanted to be a god so badly that he treated his people cruelly to show how powerful he was.

There is only one King we are to turn to: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! Today's Psalm (23) reminds us again that the only Good King is the one who takes care of his people. Our King is The Good Shepherd. Our King is so great that he became human and entered the world as a baby. Our King is so great that he sacrificed all of his wants – even his life! – for us. Jesus is truly Christ the King, King of Kings, forever and ever!





Tugboat Challenge

What is your favorite petition in The Lord's Prayer? Why?

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