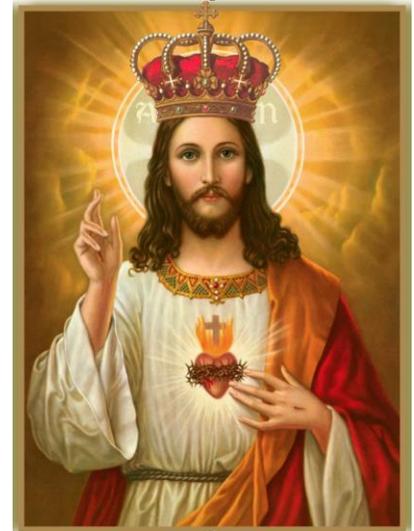


## Christ the King!

This week we enter into an awareness of the many gifts we have received, and the ways that we offer our gifts to others. While a pandemic has revealed the fragility of our human bodies, political unrest and the awareness of injustice has revealed the delicacy of our social fabric. Even now, especially now, we are called to rejoice. With gratitude we proclaim Christ, the one who was, who is, and who is to come, is found in us, in them (yes, them), and in every part of our world.



Gratitude can come naturally when everything is going well. Gratitude, though, is also a practice. Like we need to learn to practice courage in times of fear, and patience in times of agitation, so too does gratitude seek cultivation when times are hard. Sometimes we have to ask, *offer our intention*, to see those things which might not be immediately evident, those many goods we share.

As you take time to reflect in the coming days, recall that Christ the King is meant to reveal the love of God, yesterday, today, and forever. May we look through the struggles of the moment and see those many kind people who reveal to us the grace of the Spirit, the power of a life rooted in faith. Looking past the trials of the moment, may we seek revelations of the Good, the triumph of our lives shared in community, this Body of Christ

We are not alone. We are one body, one Church, united by Christ. Let us grow in trusting that the one who gave us the grace to get to this point in our lives, will continue to reveal “the next right thing” for us to do. All we need is in Him and through Him. “Christ our King, Thy will be done.”