

## Father's Notes

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Happy New Year's Eve!

Yes, you read that correctly. Today, the solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the current liturgical year. Next Sunday, we begin anew with the 1st Sunday of Advent, which begins a new liturgical year. I think that it's fitting that our "liturgical New Year's Eve" falls on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Why is that? Well, the reason we are Catholic is ultimately because we see Jesus as more than a wise teacher or nice person. He is God, the One who has mastery over the created world. Nothing escapes His attention, every detail carries significant meaning as Jesus arranges, allows and intervenes as appropriate. This is why we receive the sacraments, read scripture, follow the commandments, grow in virtue and live differently than the rest of the world. All of it proclaims there is One greater than the universe, and His name is Jesus Christ.

We are invited to deep reflection as we close one liturgical year and welcome a new one. As with our calendar years, we are invited to ponder where we grew in the past liturgical year and where we still need to go. I invite you to consider the following questions:

Is Jesus Lord in my life? To whom do I place my confidence and trust? Is it in politics, a certain online figure, a certain personality or in myself?

My brothers and sisters, may we approach this new liturgical year with honesty and hope in the power of Christ the King!

God bless,

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