



# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

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## **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

November 24, 2024

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

### ***“Our Lord Jesus Christ the King”***

We end another liturgical cycle with the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King. The prophecy of Daniel and John in the Book of Revelation recognizes the splendor, dominion, glory, and kingship of the Son of Man. In the Gospel, Pilate asks Jesus if He is the King of the Jews. Jesus replies that His kingdom is not of this world. As the Church leads us to understand the meaning of all the celebrations we have gone through this year, it comes to recognizing the Lord as the One who will rule our lives. If we are faithful members of the kingdom here and now, we will eventually share in the kingdom that He will establish when He comes again.

For us to realize His kingship, we respond to His call. Jesus Himself says in the Gospel, *“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”* The truth about Him and His teachings lead us to recognize Him as our Lord and King. It draws us to be servants of the Master. It causes us to act in a manner worthy of the kingdom. Acceptance of Him, His word, and his example enable us to be transformed into genuinely becoming sons and daughters of the Father.

Before we again enter into the Season of Advent, this Sunday or week will be an excellent time for self-reflection. Let us gather our thoughts and see where we are at concerning our spiritual path. We had been challenged with many things that caused us to resign or give up. Family, work, health, and so on are overwhelming concerns. It is challenging to embrace the truth, but many of us have been tested to give up, and many are holding on to Jesus. The only way we can keep on living the best of our lives is to look at Jesus, who Himself suffered severely but was victorious through His resurrection. He truly exemplifies what it means to trust in the will of the Father and face with courage the sufferings He had to endure.

In this light, when we look to Jesus and embrace Him, we can always see the brightness that Christ has brought into this darkened world, And, holding on to our hope in Him, we will all get through whatever adversity or adversities come our way.

May Jesus Christ, our King, reign in this world and our lives. And may our celebration help us understand what it takes to live and follow the Lord. Ultimately, we will rejoice in proclaiming Jesus Christ as King, now and forever.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual