FLOURISHING FAITH

Rooted & Reaching · Reign of Christ / Christ the King

A flourishing congregation is grounded in a simple, life-giving truth: when we stay rooted in Christ, our daily lives naturally overflow with joy, purpose, and spiritual vitality. To help our communities continue to grow a vibrant spiritual life, we are anchoring our faith formation around four practical, interconnected rhythms:

- Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines
- Christian Education & Study
- Worship & Sacramental Life
- Giving, Serving & Stewarding

ROOTED & REACHING · MICRO-PRACTICE: THE CROWN OF COMPASSION

Focus: Deepening our understanding of Christ's kingdom through intentional study of how Jesus defines authority, power, and service.

THE PRACTICE

On the Feast of the Reign of Christ, we celebrate a sovereign whose throne is a cross and whose crown is woven from mercy. True Christian education and study is not merely about accumulating theological facts; it is about reshaping our imagination to see the world through Christ's upside-down kingdom. This week, set aside time to study a Gospel passage that redefines power (such as Matthew 25:31-40), allowing Scripture to challenge our cultural assumptions about status, success, and strength.

TRY THIS AT HOME

Read Matthew 25:31-40 this week. Choose one specific form of suffering, marginalization, or need in our local community to learn about—reading an article, watching the news, or listening to a podcast—to better understand how Christ calls us to recognize his presence in the vulnerable.

PARISH REFLECTION

As a parish community, acknowledging Christ as King demands that we examine where earthly systems of power, efficiency, or prestige influence our common life instead of Christ's law of love. How does our approach to Christian education equip our members to recognize the reign of Christ in the everyday margins of our neighbourhoods? Spend five minutes discussing how your group can shift its collective focus toward learning that transforms action rather than just imparting information.

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

— Matthew 25:34, 40