HOMILY — CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY **November 21-22, 2026**
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I welcome you with joy to this Eucharistic Celebration.

Today we celebrate the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Church gives us a beautiful ending to the whole year: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.**

Next Sunday, after Thanksgiving, we shall begin Advent — a new beginning. But before we begin again, the Church asks us to stop and answer one question: **Who is truly King over my life?**

In our African culture, we know kings. We still have earthly kingdoms, and we respect them. They give us identity. They carry our history. They remind us who we areI remember one of them — King Oyo of Tooro, who passed on in August this year, at only 34 years.

He was a king from the age of three. He wore the crown. People bowed before him. And yet, he knew something many powerful people forget.

He once said, in his own words:

"**Jesus is the True King. I am only a small king under Him... I am a king, but I know who my Boss is."**

He did not hide his faith. **He did not say, "I am a king, so I am above God." He said, "I am a king, so I must kneel before the King of Kings."**

My dear brothers and sisters, however powerful we might be — in our homes, in our work, in our parish — we too must submit to the True King, Jesus Christ.

But who is this King?
He is not like the kings of this world.
He is the **KING PAR EXCELLENCE, the MOST EXCELLENT KING.**

1. **In Ezekiel, God says: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep."**

Our King is a Shepherd King. He does not sit far away in a palace. He searches for the lost. He binds up the injured. He carries the weak. In John 10:11, Jesus says it plainly: "I am the Good Shepherd."

2. **In 1 Corinthians, St. Paul tells us that Christ is the first fruits — He rose, and He will hand over the Kingdom to the Father, so that God may be all in all.**

Our King is an eternal King. Earthly kings die. Crowns fade. Kingdoms end. But the Kingdom of Christ will never end, because His victory over sin and death will never end.

3. **And in Matthew today, Jesus shows us what His Kingship looks like.**

He does not sit on a throne of gold. He sits on the throne of heavenly judgment — and He says:
I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.
I was naked and you clothed me.
I was sick and you visited me.
I was in prison and you came to me.

This is the heart of our King. He is a Servant King — Mark 10:45.
He is a humble King — born in a manger, riding on a donkey, crowned with thorns. He is a loving King, a merciful King, a just King, a truthful King, a peaceful King, a universal King with no boundaries.

So what does our TRUE KING ask of us today?
To be like the sheep on His right hand in the Gospel of today.

To do the following:

Feed the hungry in our neighborhood.

Give good drink to the thirsty. Welcome the stranger with love and good company. Clothe the naked — if you have a cloth you have not worn for a whole year, give it. It is no longer yours, it belongs to Christ in the poor.

Visit the sick and the homebound. Go to them. Offer a simple prayer, a smile, a simple hello. Sometimes a greeting is already healing.

Visit those in prison — those in physical prisons, and also those in spiritual prisons, bound by habitual sin, by drugs, by bad habits. Do not judge them. Visit them. Pray for them. Bring them back to the King who sets free.

If we do this, my brothers and sisters, we shall definitely share in the heavenly glory.

We pray, asking our Mother Mary and St. Bavo to help us imitate the life of our True King Jesus, so that on the last day, we may celebrate in the glory of heaven.

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