Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
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Christ the King
Cycle A

Today's gospel offers us a beautiful and consoling truth: Nothing done out of genuine love escapes God's notice. Jesus declares: *"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

Notice something deeply moving about this judgment: The righteous are surprised. They ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?" They did not realize that their ordinary acts of compassion were encounters with Christ Himself. They had forgotten their kindness, but the King had not forgotten their love.

Perhaps this is one of the most comforting messages of Christianity. Much of the good we do will never receive public recognition. A mother spends sleepless nights caring for her sick child. A father works tirelessly to provide for his family. A teacher patiently helps a struggling student. A parish minister quietly serves without expecting appreciation. A friend listens to someone overwhelmed by grief.

Nobody may applaud these sacrifices. Nobody may publish their stories. But God sees. And God remembers. Mother Teresa understood that holiness is often expressed through small acts performed with great love. She reminds us that we do not need extraordinary opportunities to become holy. We need

hearts willing to love faithfully in ordinary circumstances. In God's kingdom, greatness is not measured by how many people notice us, but by how faithfully we love.

This is especially meaningful on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Earthly kings often reward those who possess power, influence, or remarkable achievements. But Christ recognizes those whom the world easily overlooks.

Today's gospel also carries a serious warning. Just as Christ remembers the love we have given, He also reveals the love we have withheld. He remembers the hungry person we ignored. The lonely person we refused to accompany. The suffering neighbor whose needs we deliberately overlooked. This is not meant to make us despair. It is meant to awaken us. Because the time to love is not tomorrow. The time to love is today.

Perhaps you sometimes feel that your sacrifices go unnoticed. You serve your family, help others, and give your time and energy –often without appreciation or recognition. Today's gospel offers this beautiful assurance: What you do out of genuine love is never wasted. One day, we may discover that our most important moments were not our greatest achievements, but the times we quietly made someone's burden lighter. When we chose compassion over convenience, and generosity over selfishness.

And Christ may remind us of acts of kindness we ourselves have forgotten. The world may forget your sacrifices. People may overlook your goodness.

But Christ will never forget the love you have given. As He reminded all of us today, “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”