

**LOOKING TO SUNDAY®**  
**Sunday, November 25, 2018**  
***The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,***  
***King of the Universe***

This email, entitled Looking to Sunday®, focuses on one or more of the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. It prepares readers to hear God's Word at Mass and it offers a point of reflection to consider in the days leading to Sunday. Looking to Sunday is written by Father Tom Iwanowski.

**MY TRUTH?**

“For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.” With those words, spoken in this Sunday's Gospel (John 18:33-37) Jesus tells Pilate the reason for his ministry and preaching. He came to testify to the truth.

Such testifying to the truth continues today. It happens during court cases, congressional hearings, company board meetings, arbitration conferences, police investigations, and at family dinner tables.

At those times, people are asked to testify about certain situations, events, or individuals. But as we know, very often what one person proclaims to be the truth, another person claims to be a lie. One person's truth may not be another's truth.

In fact, today the word “truth” seems more and more to be modified by possessive personal adjectives. There is my truth, your truth, his truth, and her truth.

Today, what is judged to be true seems to be determined by each person. For example, if I believe that human life is a gift from God to be cherished from conception to natural death, that is my truth. But if someone believes that human life is the lucky result of a series of random coincidences in a meaningless universe, then that is his or her truth.

Of course, when truth is believed to be something determined by every person, it makes it difficult, if not impossible, to reach a common understanding of what is good or bad, right or wrong, or to agree on the meaning, value, or purpose of life.

However, as Christians, we hold that truth is not something that we determine but rather something revealed to us by Jesus Christ. As he said, “I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”

Jesus testified that God is a loving Father who created us to have a relationship with him. He testified that we become truly free by following God's will and not our own. He testified that we are not meant to be isolated individuals, but we are created for a relationship with God and with our neighbor. He testified that by losing our life for his sake and that of the Gospel, we find it.

Jesus not only testified to the truth, he embodied it. In seeing him we see the truth. As he said, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” (John 14:6)

We hear that same message in Sunday's Second Reading (Revelation 1:5-8), where we are told, “Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.”

This Sunday, the final Sunday of this liturgical year of 2018, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As we do so, we need to remember that our King is also the King of Truth.

In a world where so many people define their own truth, Christians believe there is one truth that holds for all people everywhere and for all time. That is the truth to which Jesus testifies. Until people come to know and accept that truth, our world will be pulled in every direction but the right one!

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