



# Daily Reflections

**November 25, 2018**

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## Scripture

**John 18: 33-37**

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own  
or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?"

Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.  
What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.

If my kingdom did belong to this world,  
my attendants would be fighting  
to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.

For this I was born and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Today we close our Church liturgical year with the magnificent feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Why is this feast so important for us? Because this

feast poses one, most important question as we prepare to enter the holy season of Advent: Has Jesus Christ been my Lord and King throughout 2018? Has His way been my way? Have I given Him my all and acknowledged His authority over every dimension of my life? If your answer is "No", then we have work to do during the Advent season as we prepare for the coming of our King.

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## **Food for your Journey**

St Thomas More is the patron saint of politicians. He was a brilliant lawyer and diplomat in 16th century England. His patriotism and loyalty to the throne attracted the attention of King Henry VIII who made him Lord Chancellor of England. What Henry VIII did not know was that Thomas More's first loyalty was to Christ, the King of kings. When Henry VIII, decided to divorce his wife Catherine of Aragon, marry Anne Boleyn, and make himself head of the Church of England, More thought this was not right. Rather than approve what he believed to be against the Divine will, he resigned from his prestigious and wealthy position as Lord Chancellor and lived a life of poverty. Since he would not give his support to the king, More was arrested, convicted of treason, imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1534 and beheaded in July of the following year. On his way to public execution, More encouraged the people to remain steadfast in the Faith. His last recorded words were: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." For More, it was not simply enough to confess Christ privately in the safety of one's heart and home; one must also confess him in one's business and professional life as well as in the laws and policies that govern society. (Fr. Munacci).

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You are my Lord and King. Unlike earthy kings, You gave Your life for Your people. As I prepare to enter the season of Advent, give me all of the Grace I need to make things right with You by acknowledging Your authority over every dimension of my life. Amen