

**November 22, 2020 – Feast of Christ the King**

**Dear Parishioners:**

**There are different types of judgments.**

**First of all, there is a judgment of the law. I don't think anyone disagrees that the judgment of the law is not completely fair or just. There are many reasons, but first, the law itself is not fair. Even though some acts are legal, they clearly violate God's commandments: for example, abortion and same-sex marriage or same sex civil union, euthanasia, etc. Being legal isn't equivalent to being moral.**

**In addition, we feel skeptical about the fact that fair judgments are always handed down because money or power can have an influence on judgment. Therefore, we have to conclude that judgments in the law are not always fair. At the same time, it is difficult to expect a fair judgment in the law because there are cold cases, and in some cases, the criminals are not punished due to the statute of limitations.**

**Second, there is a judgment of history. But this can also be easily distorted or embellished by the historian's biased subjective view. Therefore, it cannot be affirmed that the judgment of history is always fair.**

**Third, there is a judgment of conscience. However, as I once said before, a judgment of a poorly formed conscience cannot be objectively fair. Those who refuse to have their conscience formed according to the revealed Divine Truths are simply fall into self-deception by saying to oneself, "No. it's not a sin." Thus, you cannot expect absolute fairness in judgment of conscience.**

**Since all three judgments that I just mentioned are human judgments, they are bound to be imperfect and not completely just. Indeed, there are some cases in which those who commit evil deeds get away with unpunished.**

**However, even if one escapes human judgment, he/she cannot escape God's judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus, the King of Kings, returns as the judge and gives the final judgment. At this judgment, an absolutely fair judgment is rendered. This is our belief. Reward for good and Punishment for evil is one of the four major Dogmas of the Catholic Church. This Dogma is very obvious in its meaning. Even if rewarding or punishing do not occur in this world, they will definitely take place in the next.**

**It is our duty to make contribution to improve our legal system in order to guarantee the fair judgment on all good or bad deeds done in this world, and abolish immoral laws. However, despite our efforts, there will be always unfair or unjust judgments in the world.**

**Even if we see that fair judgments are not given due to human weakness or wickedness, we should never be frustrated, but believe that there will be a fair judgment in the life after and not lose peace of mind. Some judges of the world are bribed or blackmailed to make unfair judgments, the divine judge can never be bribed or blackmailed.**

**Therefore, let us have sympathy for sinners and pray for them that they repent for their sins and be saved before God's judgment, which is inevitable and inescapable. Also, even if our good deeds do not receive a proper recognition or reward in this world, let us not give up our good deeds in despair, but rather, continue to do them, comforted by the fact that our Father who sees what is hidden will repay us.**

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