

Sunday is the feast
of Christ the King.

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Charity.

Is the virtue of Charity important? Is it preferable to all other gifts and virtues? Listen to these inspired passages from the classic chapter on Charity (I Cor. XIII) written by the great St. Paul:

If I speak
with the tongues of men and of angels,
and have not Charity,
I am become
as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

And if I should have prophecy
and should know all mysteries
and all knowledge,
and if I should have all faith
so that I could remove mountains,
and have not Charity,
I am nothing.

And if I should distribute
all my goods to feed the poor,
and if I should deliver
my body to be burned,
and have not Charity,
it profiteth me nothing.

Charity is patient,
is kind;
Charity envieth not,
dealeth not perversely,
is not puffed up,

Is not ambitious,
seeketh not her own,
is not provoked to anger,

Thinketh no evil,
rejoiceth not in iniquity
but rejoiceth with the truth;

Bearoth all things,
believeth all things,
hopeth all things,
endureth all things.

Charity never falleth away
whether prophecies be made void
or tongues shall cease
or knowledge shall be destroyed.

And now there remain
Faith, Hope, and Charity,
those three,
but the greatest of these
is Charity.