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## Fr. Danny Murphy – Christ the King 2019

As John told us at the very beginning of Mass, today is a major feast day. We can't waste time fooling around on a major feast day, so I'll make this quick! The definition of an optimist is someone who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving day! The feast of Christ the King – may be a little background to get us started. This feast was founded by Pope Pius XI in 1925. In 1925, Europe was a mess. Mussolini was the dictator in Italy, Hitler was on the rise in Germany, Socialism, Communism, secularism, and atheism were gripping Europe. In the midst of this mess, the Pope proclaimed – Christ is the King. Christ is in charge – always was, always will be. Some say that our country is a mess today, maybe even more so than was Europe in 1925 but we've got to remember that Christ is still the King. He's in charge –

always was, always will be. Maybe your world is a mess, but, Christ is the King, he's in charge, always was and always will be. There is nothing, NOTHING, that he and I can't get through together! What kind of a king is Christ? His kingdom is not of this world, his kingdom is within – he dwells in me. He watches over me, he leads me, he guides me when I'm lost, he heals me when I'm hurt, he calls my name. In his kingdom there is only one law, the law of love. And as St. John of the Cross tells us, "In the evening of your life, you will be judged on one thing and on one thing only – how well you have loved." Christ the King, doesn't call his followers his subjects, he calls his followers, his friends. So, you and I are his friends. Friends spend time together, friends enjoy each other's company, friends trust each other. A good friend is a friend to the end where neither one ever leaves the other. We are his friends. What kind of kingdom does Christ have? Well, in the preface of our Mass, today, it tells us what kind of kingdom it is. It is a kingdom of light and truth, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice love and peace. Wow, could our country, could our world have light and truth, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace? Dear Jesus, please show each of us how we can help make your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.