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*On the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and right before the first Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jesus Christ does not fit our ideas of kings who usually sit on golden thrones, live in opulent palaces, and enjoy their possessions. Instead, Jesus is crucified, suffers incredibly and has a crown of thorns. Jesus reigns from the cross and desires to be the king of our hearts. He showed us in his own example how to live in accordance with our Heavenly Father's will. Jesus loves each and every one of us, including those who despise and offend him. Therefore, my dear sisters and brothers, we have to ask ourselves on this special day of Christ's kingship: "DO I PLACE JESUS FIRST IN MY LIFE? IS JESUS REALLY THE KING OF MY HEART?"*

