

## QUAS PRIMAS

### *Encyclical of Pope Pius XI On the Feast of Christ the King*

It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of his "charity which exceedeth all knowledge." And his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom," since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

Do we not read throughout the Scriptures that Christ is the King? He it is that shall come out of Jacob to rule, who has been set by the Father as king over Sion, his holy mount, and shall have the Gentiles for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession. In the nuptial hymn, where the future King of Israel is hailed as a most rich and powerful monarch, we read: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the scepter of thy kingdom is a scepter of righteousness." There are many similar passages, but there is one in which Christ is even more clearly indicated. Here it is foretold that his kingdom will have no limits, and will be enriched with justice and peace: "in his days shall justice spring up, and abundance of peace...And he shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."



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**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Feast of Christ the King**

### **Introit**

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honor. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. O God, with Thy judgment endow the King and with Thy justice, the King's son. Glory be to the Father . . .

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### **Collect**

Almighty and eternal God, Who willed to restore all things in Thy beloved Son, the King of the Universe, graciously grant that the peoples of the earth torn asunder by the wound of sin, may submit to His most gentle rule. Through our Lord . . .

### **Epistle**

*Colossians 1:12-20.*

Brethren: We give thanks to God the Father Who has made us worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness, and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have our redemption through His blood, the remission of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. For in Him were cre-

ated all things in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether Thrones, or Dominations, or Principalities, or Powers. All things have been created through and unto Him, and He is before all creatures, and in Him all things hold together. Again, He is the head of the body, the Church; He, Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the first place. For it has pleased God the Father that in Him all fullness should dwell and that through Him He should reconcile to Himself all things, whether on the earth or in the heavens, making peace through the blood of His Cross, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Gradual & Alleluia

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him. Alleluia, alleluia. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away: and His kingdom shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

#### Gospel

*John 18:33-37*

At that time, Pilate said to Jesus, Are You the King of the Jews? Jesus answered, Do you say this of yourself, or have others told you of Me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your own people and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My followers would certainly have fought that I might not be delivered to the Hebrews. But, as it is, My kingdom is not from here. Pilate therefore said to Him, You are then a King? Jesus answered, You say it: I am a King. This is why I was born, and why I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

#### Offertory

Ask of Me and I will give Thee the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for Thy possession.

#### Secret

O Lord, we offer Thee this sacrificial Victim of mankind's reconciliation with Thee; grant, we beseech Thee, that our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Whom we offer in this sacrifice, may bestow upon all peoples the gifts of unity and peace. Through our Lord . . .

#### Communion

The Lord is enthroned as King forever; may the Lord bless His people with peace!

#### Postcommunion

We have received the food of eternal life, and we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we who are proud to serve under the flag of Christ the King may forever reign with Him in the Kingdom of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

#### BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>: \$ 4, 015.00

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: \$ 3, 616.00

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: \$ 4, 421.00

**Total for the Month: \$ 12, 052.00**

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of Christ the King

- ◆ Sung Mass at 8am, followed by Benediction.
- ◆ A plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions by the faithful who assist at Mass at an apostolate of the Institute this day.
- ◆ Semiannual Collection for the Institute's International Seminary. Seminary tuition is funded only by the families of seminarians and our generous benefactors. Please indicate "**Seminary**" on the memo line. Checks should be made payable to Institute of Christ the King.

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:** All Saints Day, *Holy Day of Obligation*, Holy Mass at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Merrillville. No First Friday Mass in Dyer, Indiana.

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** All Souls Day. Sung Mass at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Merrillville, Indiana.

#### WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



*"We must perform all our actions diligently, but never in a spirit of agitation or with undue haste. Otherwise, we will never do anything well. Try hard never to excuse yourself when you are corrected or blamed for some slight fault. Oh, how useful this practice is!"*