



Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI to help us to recognize His Divine Kingship. This feast celebrates the fact that there is One who is remarkably different. He came to serve all, even His enemies. He truly was a Son of Man, with a vulnerable human nature. But He was also truly Son of God.

Rather than executing His opponents, He forgave them. Rather than dominating His subjects, He exalted them. He even called them not servants, but friends, bestowing on them a share in His priesthood and kingship. Though He died, like other kings, it was for a different purpose. He died willingly to save His people, and His death was not a result of a battle lost or a plan gone awry, but of a glorious victory planned before the world began. He rose in glory, which can't be said for the rest of them. And at His heavenly coronation, when He ascended to His Father, He was given what all the rest lusted for - a worldwide dominion that will not pass away. (Mark Shea)

"The Church does not cease to be amazed at the paradox of a King who made himself a servant, becoming like us in every way except sin. The King is in fact the Good Shepherd, who gives His life for His sheep. His kingship does not imply domination, but service." (Pope John Paul II).

ANNOUNCEMENT

Christ The King Rally

Will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 8:30am to 6:00pm
at the Canadian Christian College

If you have any Christmas article that you would like published in the December issue of the bulletin, please forward to the Toronto Word group at your earliest opportunity.

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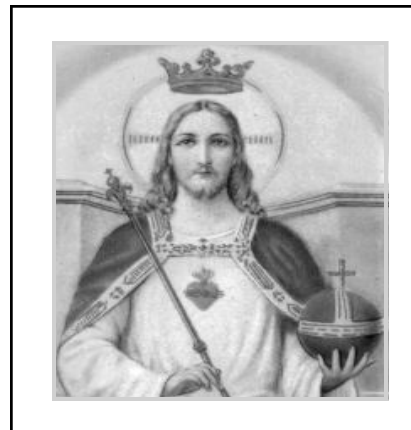


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Solemnity of Christ the King



ORDER:

Let everyone who belongs to the truth listen to my voice.

REFLECTION:

The name Jesus Christ is holy. He is Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. No one compares with Him who is mighty, our Master and sovereign God. He is our Ruler, we are His servants. He is our King, we are His subjects. **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD and KING** – the name above all names, worthy of all praises.

His kingship cannot be compared with any king of this earth. His kingship is unique that He offered His life because of His great love for all of us. He is a King who shunned the title of king because of His servanthood and humility. He told his disciples not to speak of his true identity. He waited until the very end, when it seemed for anyone to believe him, to

THEME:

We have the righteousness of Christ when we testify to the truth of His Kingship.

WORD:

Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 93: 1-2, 5 ; Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

announce when he said to Pilate: "You say that I am a King. For this I was born, and for this I have come into this world." (John 18:37). "To him was given dominion and glory and kingship that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed." (Daniel 7:14).

Throughout generations, emperors, kings and dictators have come and gone. Yet no one has ever captured the hearts of people just like how Jesus did. No one has served his subjects so faithfully and with such compassion and love. Never was there a ruler who gave up his own life for the sake of others, like for us to whom his blood was poured on the cross in order to save us from our sinfulness. His kingly power is awesome, and his royal authority comes from his being not only a witness to truth, but being the Truth himself. He says in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." Christ never wanted to keep his kingship to himself, but shared it with us all. By "bearing witness to the truth", Jesus reveals the mystery of his person and makes himself known – that Jesus becomes king for those on earth who are of the truth and accept his testimony. His only weapon is "truth", a revelation of who God is, a loving Father for all mankind. As he says, "the reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice." (John 18:37).

To choose Jesus as our King means that we have to make him the center of our lives, to follow his teachings, to surrender ourselves to his authority, and to serve him without counting the cost and without expecting any reward. This is the essence of our service in our Community where humbly we serve not men, but Jesus Christ our Lord himself. In the course of doing our ministry work, we may encounter trials and disappointments which may cause us to lose our enthusiasm to continue with our service. It is in those moments of despair that we have to look up to our King who is always there to lift us up and who will accompany us every step of our journey. He says, "If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be. If anyone serves me, him the Father will honor." (John 12:26)

DIRECTION:

We need to be good witnesses to our brothers and sisters in the community, as we testify to God's truth and proclaim His kingship over us.

GOD'S PROMISE:

"Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house." (Psalm 93:5)

From the MFLA

ME #31 Weekend - A Success Story

It all started last Friday, Nov. 13th, on a beautiful, cool evening. Eighteen couple candidates drove their way to this quaint Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, with hopes and wonders in their hearts as to what this weekend will bring to their married lives. Little did they know how much God anticipated their coming; how He had prepared a weekend full of surprises and an assurance that they will experience heaven here on earth as they open their hearts and surrender their lives to Him.

To cut the story short, these couples, whose names are written below, accepted His offer and left the venue with so much joy and peace in their hearts..

Alba, Xavier and Didi
*Baldonasa, Melvin and Grace * Canale, Jun and Net*
*Carbonell, Lester and Leila * Carluen, Mon and Len * Corillo, Jun and Emily*
*Dayno, Manny and Lou * Decena, Al and Vangie*
Del Castillo, Gerard and Joy

D'Mello, Ralph and Savy
*L'Abadie, George and Patricia * Mallari, Nel and Cryst*
*Muyargas, Gerry and Jess * Pelayo, Jessie and Irene * Perono, Rico and Maricar*
*Signo, Butch and Liza * Trinidad, Boy and Margie*
Zeppa, Steve and Emmie

On behalf of the Marriage and Family Life Apostolate (MFLA), we would like to express our appreciation to the following, who have selflessly contributed their time, talent and treasure to bring the message of God's great love to these 18 couples:

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And most of all, to God, the Author of everyone's success story, we praise and thank you for all that you are and all that you've done, allowing each couple to experience a special "encounter" with you during the entire ME weekend!