

Dear Brothers and Sisters



What was the first thing you thought of when you woke up this morning? What was the last thing on your mind before you fell asleep last night? If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we can't take anything for granted. What usually occupies our time, our thoughts, our daily routines, has been upended over the last year and a half. For some this has been terrible, for others it is a blessing – a chance to reorient our priorities.

Today, the last Sunday in Ordinary time, is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe. We are invited to turn our gaze to Christ, the beginning and end of all things.

Cyril of Alexandria, who lived in the Fifth Century, said: “Christ has dominion over all creatures...by essence and by nature. His Kingship is founded on the hypostatic union.” Translated, he is saying that the Word of God, Jesus Christ, is consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

This includes you and me.

All angels, and all men are subject to Christ. “We are no longer our own property, for Christ has purchased us with a great price, our very bodies are members of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Christ's sovereignty extends to all the nations of the world, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)

We are never truly ourselves unless we belong to Christ. Our life is incomplete unless Christ is King of our Universe; that is, of our mind, our heart, our soul, our relationships, our time, our marriage, our children, our priesthood, our getting old, our being young, our daily lives.

The Catholic author Walker Percy, in his novel ‘The Second Coming’ recounts the life of one man's struggle with faith. He sits in his five-car garage, inside his Mercedes, and contemplates a cat. A cat is always 100% a cat. He thinks humans are never 100% themselves. He comes to decide that he is only 2% of himself and wonders how to get the other 98%.

We can recover the other 98% thanks to today's Feast. There is a struggle going on within each of us, whether or not to allow Christ to be King of our Universe; of our mind, our hear heart, our soul, our time.

Our realization that perhaps Christ is not the first thing we think of in the morning, nor the last thing we think of before going to sleep, that neither is he our hearts desire... can be the beginning of a new life, a new relationship with Him; of our becoming who we were made to be.

Will this happen for you today? Come to Mass and find out!

Fr. Sean