

FROM THE PASTOR

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? What did you think of on the commute to work? What will you bend your will towards today? What is your heart's desire, if you could have anything, what would it be?

Today, the last Sunday in Ordinary time, is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe. In response to the growing phenomena of secularism – the eclipse of God from the Public Square – Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in 1925 - that is, very recently - only yesterday - in the history of the Church.

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 6:0)

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, unless he 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 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!