

**FATHER SCHULTE HOMILY**  
**Feast of Christ the King**  
**November 22, 2020**

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Today, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is a particularly Catholic Christian feast day. Christ as king is not understood by many, if not most of the citizens of the world; most of which do not live in a kingship form of government. Perhaps, this feast day would be more relatable if it were Christ the president or Christ the prime minister. But the western world long ago ridded itself of the kingship form of government (Monarchy), thinking that some other form of manmade governing processes would be more conducive to his own weak nature. But, alas, all other forms of government have or will fail eventually.

To understand this feast day, we must take a closer look at the communal evolution of God's people. We must begin with the first man, Adam. The Apostle Paul speaks of Adam when addressing the Corinthians (1 Cor 15). He said death came into the world through the one man, Adam, but life comes through Jesus Christ.

You see, there always was a kingdom. It was God's kingdom, and his kingdom on earth began with the one man, Adam. Adam is the first Human, the first Father, the first King, if you will. God gave Adam Eve, born from his side; the first kingdom was formed in the institution of a family with Adam as its King, its Ruler.

As humanity expanded from Adam, God's kingdom continued to expand through chosen families: Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.

Jacob would have 12 sons – their families would go down to Egypt in search of food. There, a period of over 400 years, they would grow into a nation. As a nation of the 12 tribes of Jacob (Israel) they would leave Egypt at the headship of Moses, and eventually enter the promised land as a nation of families in the form of tribes. God was their King, and he ruled Israel through the prophets and certain designated judges.

But after observing the surrounding nations, which they were told to avoid and to drive out, they grew tired of having God as their King. They wanted to be like everyone else and have an earthly king – that's when their problems started for certain. God gave them Saul as the first king.

Over many centuries, they had kings and lived and acted like the pagan nations around them. They were eventually conquered or oppressed; all because they rejected God's rule.

Eventually, God promised to send them someone who would rescue them from the oppression of others and especially from themselves. He would be a Messiah (anointed).

Jesus was the promised Messiah King. But the kingdom he would establish would be a Spiritual Kingdom. The Catholic Church is His kingdom, on earth and in heaven. Jesus remains its King with Peter the Pope as its designated Ruler, Sovereign. We sing the song “To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King” at Mass.

Jesus invites other kingdoms and nations to join his kingdom through Baptism. Over the centuries, some would accept His invitation, others would reject it and even fight against it. Re: (parable: King invites people to his feast).

This is where we stand today, His earthly Kingdom is struggling, suffering, attacked and dispersed like sheep without a shepherd.

But, Jesus the good shepherd and king, will return to reclaim and gather his lost sheep, and in the process as Paul said, he will destroy every sovereignty, power, and authority, and restore the One Kingdom of God on Earth.

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ continues among us in his struggling church. But it exists in a very privileged way in families of believers as it always has from the time of Adam, Noah, Abraham, and Jacob. These family kingdoms exist even if they live in oppressive nations like nations that have communism as its form of government.

You see communists are atheists and they do not want God as their sovereign ruler. And they want to replace God with themselves and anyone that does not accept their way will be wiped out eventually (CCC 2425).

The leadership of the Catholic Church made a pact with the devil when it agreed to allow the Chinese communist government to rule over the church in China. Why this sudden change?!

The Gospel tells us that the hallmark of a good king is his kindness to the people. He is their shepherd and their good Father. We have the good king in Jesus Christ even if a good king is hard to find in the rulers of the earth.

“Viva Christo Re”, (cristeros) Re: (long live Christ the King)

“Marantha” (Come Lord Jesus)