

## **Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!**

Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands!

Blessed Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! Today is a beautiful day to call to mind and heart the great extent to which the Lord desires to be the center of every part of our lives.

Christus vincit! Christ conquers!

God became man as a child in Bethlehem. He came not for us to dote over him, as cute as he was as a little baby. He came on a mission to save the world. He did this by showing us who he is as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father sent his Son filled with the Holy Spirit into the world. The Son, Jesus Christ, lived and walked on this earth, was condemned and killed for our sins, and gloriously rose from the dead on Easter morning. Christ conquered death. Christ conquered sin.

Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christ reigns!

After his resurrection and ascension into heaven, Christ took his seat at the right hand of the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen the first Christians and every Christian thereafter especially through Baptism and Confirmation. Christ remains at the Father's right hand, seated upon his glorious throne until the end of time when he will return to judge the living and the dead. He reigns with perfect justice that is fulfilled in perfect mercy.

Christus regnat! Christus imperat! Christ commands!

As the Father sent his Son and as the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit, so are we sent to bring God to the world. In the state of grace, when we have no mortal sins on our souls, God dwells in our souls in a unique way. We bring God's presence to others in this powerful way. Right before he ascended into heaven, Christ told his disciples, "Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I command you, and lo, I am with you always, until the close of the age" (Matthew 28).

Christus imperat!

Christ truly is our king, reigning in love over his Catholic Church, over all the world, and over the whole universe. There is nothing that we do not owe to our beloved, merciful, sovereign Lord. After all he has done for us, how can we not hand over everything to him? Our private lives, our public lives, our political lives, our social lives all belong to Christ. Are we willing to give him our lives, our minds, and our hearts?

To help us celebrate this day, after 10:30am Mass this weekend at St. Michael's, we will have solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour, worshiping our King in a special way in the Eucharist. We will pray the consecration prayer dedicating the world to Christ the King's Sacred Heart. I encourage you to attend this time of adoration in honor of our Lord, even if it's for just a few minutes. We will end the hour with benediction. If you are not able to join us, I

encourage you to take some time at home asking our Lord to help you hand your whole life over to him, your King.

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Long live Christ the King,

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