Solemnity of Christ-King of the Universe November 21, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In 1927, a revolution broke out in Mexico. Cruel despots took it out on the Church and faithful Catholics. Priests were hunted down and shot to death. Outstanding among them was the Jesuit, Fr. Miguel Pro. Men and women were thrown into prison, their property confiscated. Youth rallied to the Catholics' cause and gave up their lives rather than betray their faith. Thousands died, shouting "Viva Cristo Rey" ("Long live Christ the King:") as they faced the firing squads. The revolution has passed, Mexico is more Catholic today than ever. Catholic Mexico bore witness to the truth.

Jesus stood before Pilate, Procurator of Judea, representative of the Roman Empire, the greatest empire the world had as yet seen: Pilate, self-confident at first, arrogant, and anxious to finish this unpleasant business in quick order. And Jesus? He stood there, bond by cords, covered with blood and dirt and spittle, hair disheveled, accused of the crime of lesser majesty, handed over to be judged by Pilate as guilty of death. And he really claims to be king?

Jesus is not king of some other earthly empire that hopes to rival Rome. Not at all! He is no pretender to the temporal throne of David which had ruled the land for centuries and now lay in ruins. Far from it! He is not one of those zealot leaders who planned to put an end to foreign domination as others had tried in the past. No! Jesus has no designs of violence; he has no lust for temporal power. He does not aim at Caesar's throne nor any other earthly one. His is an empire vaster than all the empires of the world put together, yet it is not of this world. His is a kingdom that far exceeds the bounds of earth. He is the King of the Universe, universal ruler having power over all creatures "high above every name that can be given in this age or the age to come (Ephesians 1:21).

As vast as the universe is the domain of Christ's reign, he is the center of the cosmos, for all things in the heavens and on earth will be brought under his headship. He stood before the representative of the Roman Empire to be judged and be condemned. Yet a day will come when the very Emperor will fall at his feet and adore him, and all the subjects will bend their knees to him. The Roman Empire crumbled and passed away. Christ's reign will never pass away. "His dominion is an everlasting dominion, that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

The annual celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King is a splendid opportunity for all of us to renew our loyalty to him who has shown such love for us and who reigns now with such admirable goodness and mercy. Let us not only enthrone Jesus on a pedestal but let him be enthroned in our hearts. He who lives forever and ever.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**November 23**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Ed & Mae
Wed.	**November 24**	**11:00AM**
Ric Liquid †		Jenny
Thur.	**November 25**	**9:00AM**
People of the Parish		
Fri.	**November 26**	**11:00AM**
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
Sat.	**November 27**	**4:30PM**
Sid Jensen Sr. †		Family
Sun.	**November 28**	**9:00AM**
Matthew Panaligan		Lily Militar
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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