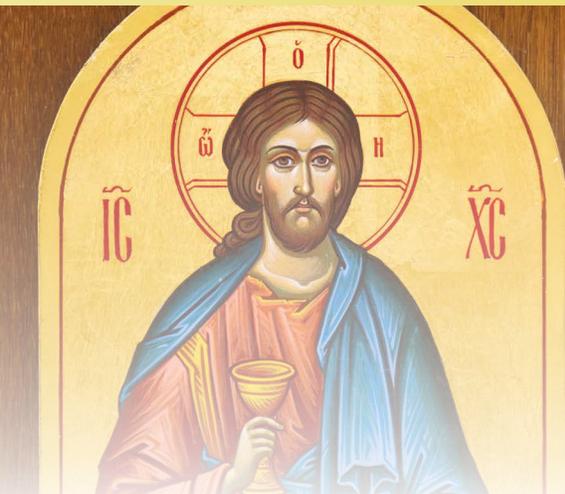




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At Home with Faith

Our one true king, Jesus will rule over all things at the end of time.
He rules over them now too. But, in this special time, he provides us the opportunity to choose to follow him.



It's easy to get caught up in the present moment and act like it will last forever. Experiences like pandemics, elections and our own personal events can make us feel like whatever is happening right now is the most important thing.

The Feast of Christ the King gives us perspective. In our 2nd reading, St. Paul reminds us that Jesus rules over "every authority and power." He will bring everything, even death "under his feet."

Jesus does not exercise his power like human beings. He gives us the choice of whether or not we will recognize him as our king. How will we respond?

Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

I will tend my sheep, as the shepherd tends his flock.

Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

In Christ, all shall be brought to life.

Matthew 25:31-46

Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.

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Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Help your children to get to know Christ the King:

- **Talk about a time when the world seemed out of control.** You can recall a time in your own experience or a time in history. A common example is the time during World War II when destructive forces seemed to rule the whole world. Let your child think about how it would feel to live at that time.
- **Tell them about someone who still followed Jesus in that time.** Share with them a story about someone like Blessed Edith Stein who bravely held to her faith despite being taken to a concentration camp, or Pope John Paul II who did not let the German occupation deter him from his study to become a priest and even found a way to save a young Jewish girl's life.
- **Tell them about how you witnessed them doing the right thing when others weren't.** Share observations about how your child did the right thing even though others were not. "I saw how you stuck up for your friend when others were making fun of her. It seems like you try to do the right thing."
- **Ask them if knowing that Jesus is King makes it easier to be good.** By asking your child this question, you are helping them see that their desire to be good is fed by their relationship with Jesus.



We elect our leaders. When we go shopping, we are used to the idea that "the customer is king." Much of our popular culture praises efforts to remake institutions as the greater population thinks is best. **Why does the Church present us with an image of Jesus as King?**

Unlike a human king who rules something they did not create, Jesus rules the universe naturally and justly because he created it and holds it in being. For now, we live in time, where God gives us space to interact with the world around us and respond as we think best. But this is only for a time. The day will come when we meet Jesus. And when it does, we need to be ready to say yes to him.

We can help prepare our children for this time by encouraging them to think of Jesus as our true king. Even when it seems like the world is "out of control," we can be confident that Jesus will ultimately bring all things into his control.

Jesus gives us the opportunity to choose if we want to let him rule in our hearts. He also gives us the opportunity to express our love to him in how we treat the least of those among us.

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