



**“Second Homily” by Fr. Duane Trombetta
Solemnity of Christ the King
Sunday, November 21, 2021**

Today we bring the liturgical year 2020-2021 to a close, and once again celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the King. The placement of this feast on the final Sunday of every liturgical year signifies its special and sacred nature. Here at Holy Trinity, we honor this feast with high solemnity, especially brilliant floral decoration, and magnificent hymns proclaiming the kingship of Jesus.

In my Second Homily on this feast in 2020, I noted the geopolitical background at the institution of the Solemnity of Christ the King. It's worth mentioning again that in 1925, the USSR was newly formed and governed by the Communist Party. Prime Minister Benito Mussolini was squelching resistance to his fascist regime in Italy. Adolf Hitler published Mein Kampf and authorized the Nazi party to engage in violence. It was in this geopolitical context that Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity of Christ the King. And with a stroke of a pen, the pope assured the people of Europe – and the world – that Jesus Christ alone is supreme authority of the universe, above every nation/earthly authority.

We venerate our Lord Jesus under many titles: Lamb of God, Prince of Peace, Beloved Son, Good Shepherd, and others. To me, the title Christ the King holds special significance – perhaps that's because I attended Christ the King grade school in Bossier City!

Now I invite all our parishioners to commend Jesus as Lord and King. As St. Paul says, “At his name, every knee shall bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Phil 2:10).

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