

# Orate + Fratres



## *Dear Faithful,*

“The mission of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest is to spread the reign of Christ in all spheres of human life by drawing from the millennial treasury of the Roman Catholic Church, particularly her liturgical tradition, the unbroken line of spiritual thought and practice of her saints, and her cultural patrimony in music, art and architecture. The Institute accomplishes this primarily through a solid and well-rounded formation of its priests, rooted in Catholic tradition and carried out at its international seminary in the Archdiocese of Florence. Our priests, conscious of the need for their own sanctification, strive to be instruments of God’s grace through their apostolic work discharged in the churches assigned to the Institute, its schools, its missions in Africa, by preaching retreats, teaching catechesis, and providing spiritual guidance. The Institute of Christ the King operates under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception, to Whom it is consecrated.”

Many of you, I am sure, have read this Mission Statement of our Institute before. In its few words it includes the most important aspects of the work of our community worldwide. On today’s feast day we celebrate the King Who reigns at all times and all over the world with the same power that was always His own because He is God. However, what we celebrate today is much more specific than the generic acknowledgment of the kingly power of God, our creator, governor and saviour. Catholicism is the religion that has God made man in its center.

In his Encyclical “Quas Primas” of 1925, the great Pope Pius XI teaches:

“... [Christ’s] kingship is founded upon the ineffable hypostatic union. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures. But a thought that must give us even greater joy and consolation is this, that Christ is our King by acquired, as well as by natural right, for he is our Redeemer. Would that they who forget what they have cost their Savior might recall the words: ‘You were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled.’ ...”

Because God became man and the human nature was elevated to the highest possible degree in the divine person of Jesus Christ, we all are called to participate in this wonderful and mysterious new dignity. We received the participation in Christ’s kingship for the first time in baptism when we received the indelible character of Christ. Endowed with this infinitely valuable gift we have also received the high responsibility to let Christ reign in all aspects of our lives, the lives of our families and the live of society as a whole.

In sharing in the life of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, you, dear faithful, take also part in the mission of our community. This mission is ever more important and fruitful as our community of canons, oblates, sisters and members of the Sacred Heart Society grows despite the darkness and difficulties of our times. Please pray for our superiors and all our canons and please join us in repeating together with the entire Church today: “Praise be to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honour for ever.” Amen.

*Canon Michael K. Wiener*



## SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
SUN	25 Oct	9.30	Christ the King, Patronal feast of the Institute	For the Institute of Christ the King	Private Intention
MON	26 Oct	10.00	St. Evaristus, Pope and Martyr	Fr. Christopher Basden	Private Intention
TUE	27 Oct	10.00	Votive Mass of Christ the King	Michael Willmott, RIP	Private Intention
WED	28 Oct	10.00	Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles	Michael Schutzer-Weissmann, RIP	Private Intention
THU	29 Oct	10.00	Votive Mass of Christ the King	Luisa Aurtado Weissmann	Private Intention
FRI	30 Oct	10.00	Votive Mass of Christ the King	Private Intention	Private Intention
SAT	31 Oct	10.00	Our Lady on Saturday	Private Intention	Private Intention
SUN	1 Nov	9.30	All Saints' Day	Private Intention	Private Intention



*Christ in Majesty - detail from Ghent Altarpiece by Jan and Hubert van Eyck*

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