

The Queenship of Mary

May 26, 2019

We close the month of Mary with the feast of her Queenship, established by Pope Pius XII during the Marian Year of 1954, which was the year of the 100th anniversary of the solemn definition of the Immaculate Conception. Our Lord is King in the full, literal and absolute sense of the word because He is both God and Man. Our Lord's Mother shares in our Lord's prerogatives. She is His Mother, chosen from all eternity, and she humbly fulfilled her mission of bringing into this world the Savior. She raised Him, helped Him, suffered with Him at the foot of the Cross and then remained behind to help the infant Church until she was assumed body and soul into Heaven.

The Alleluia hymn for the feast of the Queenship sums it up well: "Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who stood beneath the Cross of the Lord. Now with Him you reign forever." She is our Queen in Heaven and we need to follow her, for she infallibly leads us to her Son. She practiced all the virtues and so must we: humility, faithfulness, a life of service for others as if serving Christ Himself, quiet acceptance of crosses as a means of sanctification. It is through all these that we can achieve the glory of heaven.

Let us turn to our Lady and our Queen to help us be faithful in fulfilling our duties here below so that we can rejoice at her intercession and rejoice even more in eternity with her and her Son in heaven.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP
Pastor, Regina Caeli Parish