

November 25

CHRIST THE KING

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world," but it is in the world. He came to establish a kingdom of truth for our intellects; a kingdom of justice and holiness for our wills; a kingdom of love and peace for our hearts. If we follow Him, He will lead us into His eternal kingdom. In 1925, Pope Pius XI established the Feast of

Christ the King, which prior to the calendar reform of 1969 was celebrated by the Western Church on the last Sunday in October. (Now it is the final Sunday of the liturgical year.) Christ is acknowledged as King by reason of His Sonship, and His right as mankind's Redeemer.

GLASS GEM MAGNET



You will need:

- waxed paper
- glass gems, available from the floral section of the craft store or sometimes found in a tropical fish store. (Get the largest size you can find — about an inch in diameter; one side is slightly rounded and the other side is flat.)
- acrylic paints
- small paintbrush
- pattern or small cutout from a magazine
- heavy duty small magnet*
- pin back
- small piece of double sided tape

Paint your design on the flat side of your glass gem. Use the technique of reverse glass painting, which means paint the foreground of your design first and the background last. To copy our Christ the King pin, see the pattern. You can draw the design onto the glass with a china marker, but it is a simple design and you can probably easily just copy it from the pattern. Paint the crown first. Let it dry thoroughly. Then paint the *Chi Rho* symbol for Christ. Remember you will be painting symbols, and any words, backwards so as to see them the correct way when you turn your gem over.

When the design is completely dry, paint on the background color. Allow to dry. When you turn your gem over, the rounded front will magnify it and bring out the vivid colors. Finish your project by attaching



a pin back or magnet with a small piece of double-sided tape, such as that used to hang pictures or other objects.

A variation on this project uses a small picture of Jesus, Mary or a saint cut from a religious goods catalog, or a greeting card. Cut the picture slightly smaller than the size of your gem. Spread a thin layer of white craft glue across the back of the gem and place the picture in the center, face down. Allow to dry thoroughly. Then paint the back of the gem with a color to make a colored border for your picture. When

dry, add the pin back or magnet.

* *Radio Shack and other stores that sell radio equipment often sell good magnets or you can use the type of sheet magnet available in the office supply store.*