



COME, LORD JESUS!

*Spiritual Insights
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Program Updates*



September
Every Thursday
Memorial Mass for the
enrollees in the CLJ!
Memorial Burse

September 5
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 12
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 19
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

September 26
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Come, Lord Jesus! is a God-given instrument to form you into an ardent apostle. All you have to do is give yourself over to Jesus and surrender yourself to his holy cause. Join us in helping us reach out to the many brothers and sisters who are so lukewarm that the Lord is about to vomit them out of his mouth (see Rev 3:16).

Sin weighs us down and our earthly attachments render us helpless to do good. The supernatural and spiritual world are beyond our reach. We have no zeal for the kingdom. We are worthless in that impoverished condition. But we have a merciful Savior. What God did for Isaiah, and Jesus did for Saul, they could do for us. They can make us desire to share our freedom from past sin and our great joy with others who are so weighed down with self-indulgence and selfish earthly living.

It is because many of our fellow Catholics do not yet know the divine Jesus that they are so lethargic in their participation in our holy faith. Their faith seems to be a thin veneer without any depth. Therefore, there is no strong, radical commitment to Jesus, the God-man. The least obstacle prevents them from practicing our holy faith.

Sports and leisure are more important to them than Mass, Catechism, and the attainment of their eternal salvation. They are in a deplorable state.

Come, Lord Jesus! and its resumption of the devoted practice of the faith of the early Church will bring our people back to the deep faith and love that is their heritage. The powerful Word of God, reflected upon and discussed in a prayerful atmosphere will transform them. This and the fellowship of a loving community will strengthen and dispose them for a fervent reception of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. They will thus be restored to the image of God in resplendent beauty. This is why you must help us bring them into *Come, Lord Jesus!* through our Outreach methods.

Jesus tells us that "Every tree is known by its own fruit." What fruit are you bearing for Christ? To what extent are you speaking the Good News of Christ? "For from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." Is your heart so full of Christ and his teaching that you cannot help but speak of him and his message? Our outreach approach gives you an opportunity to speak for Jesus and to bear fruit for the kingdom of God.



Father Conley Bertrand



St. Paul is a perfect example of what Jesus' merciful love can do for us. Paul was eternally grateful to Jesus for what he had done for him. For Paul felt that he was the greatest of sinners. He called himself the "foremost" of sinners. He tells us in the Acts of the Apostles, "I persecuted the Way to death..." He confesses to Jesus, "...from synagogue to synagogue I used to imprison and beat those who believed in you. And when the blood of your witness Stephen was being shed, I myself stood by giving my approval and keeping guard over the cloaks of his murderers" (Acts 22:4, 19-20).

You will remember how Jesus took personal offense at Paul's mistreatment of those who were baptized into Christ and became identified with him. Jesus confronted Saul in such powerful, blinding light that he fell helplessly to the ground. Jesus then spoke to him and said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). Saul was persecuting Christ in his faithful followers. Jesus took exception to the cruel way he was treating his disciples. Saul then realized how serious his violent actions against people like Stephen were. That is why he can call himself the foremost of sinners.

But Jesus forgave him. His sufferings, shed blood and death completely wiped away Saul's sins. So now he was free to love and make up for his sins in utmost gratitude. Now he could spend his life bringing people to Christ so that they also could receive forgiveness; they also could get to experience the tremendous happiness of getting to know the divine Jesus. The mad Saul became the jubilant Paul, and he wanted to share that heavenly joy with everyone by bringing them to meet the glorified Christ, so easily accessible through faith.

Your past sins and weaknesses need not stand in the way of your becoming an outstanding apostle. God says, "Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow" (Is 1:18).

You may be like Isaiah who felt very unclean when he experienced the presence of God. He thought that he would die. But a seraphim symbolically touched his mouth with a burning coal from the altar. "See," he said, "now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is

removed, your sin purged." This cleansing was so thorough and effective that when God spoke and said "Whom shall I send" to speak to the people? Isaiah responded, "Here I am, send me!" (See Is 6:1-8).

This is what must happen to you. Jesus said to the apostles, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven" (Jn 20:23). Your sinful past is behind you now. "As far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us" (Ps 103:12).

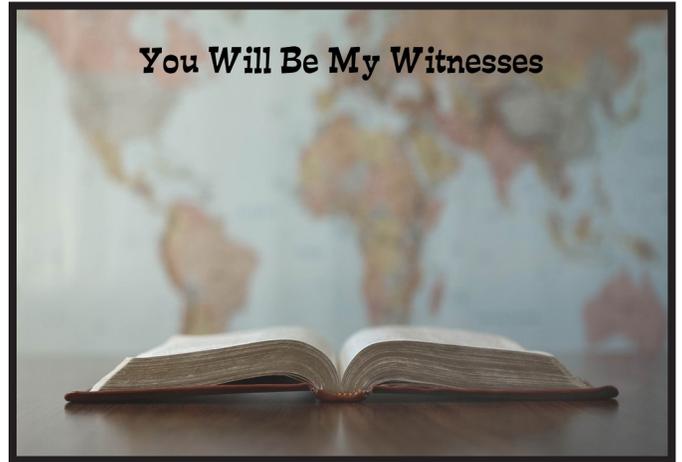
God is again saying, "Whom shall I send?" You must respond, "Here I am, send me!" Surely, you will want to share these abundant fruits that you have derived from belonging to *Come, Lord Jesus!* with all your friends. Surely, you will want to join our Outreach teams to proclaim to all the benefits you get from being a *Come, Lord Jesus!* member!

Why could you not sacrifice yourself and some of your time for the love of Jesus to assist in a *Come, Lord Jesus!* Outreach weekend, or an introductory night? Join one of our teams in your area. Go beyond your narrow confines. Cross the present boundaries you have laid out for yourself. Your zeal for Christ and love for your Catholic brothers and sisters force you to transcend those narrow limits that selfish human nature has set for you. Become a valiant apostle for Christ! Refuse to allow the good ol' natural life to rule you. Break through your comfort zone.

Christ must become your life now. Forsake that old corruptible lifestyle. Give free reign to the life of the Spirit. Zeal for Christ must begin to consume you. Refuse to allow the corruptible flesh to weigh you down. It is time to awake and rise up! Nothing earthly matters - it is all passing away. Let the eternal be your main concern. That is what *Come, Lord Jesus!* is all about: the kingdom of God that endures forever.

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COME, LORD JESUS!



Ginny Dufrene leads an outreach at St. Cletus in the Archdiocese of New Orleans forming three new groups!
Thank you for leading others to *Come, Lord Jesus!*.

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Endeavor always to conform your will to God's will by actively obeying him, by accepting his providential designs in your circumstances of life and by following his inspirations. By following his will, you live in continuous communion with God. You know God's will from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, lawful authority, your state in life, providential occurrences, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Surrendering your will to God through obedience requires humility and overcomes pride. Doing God's will unites you to him so that you can live in constant close intimacy with him (Rom 13: 1-2; Jn 4:34).

-----Attention Leaders:-----

The Leaders' Seminar scheduled for September 11 has been postponed due to the increased rise in COVID. As a substitute we are inviting all leaders to an Online Morning of Renewal.

Please join us for a presentation and discussion on Father Bertrand's booklet: ***The Grace of Acceptance - When Things Go Wrong.***

Sessions are from 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Select one of the following morning sessions:

Monday, September 20

Tuesday, September 28

Wednesday, October 6

Thursday, October 14

Saturday, October 16

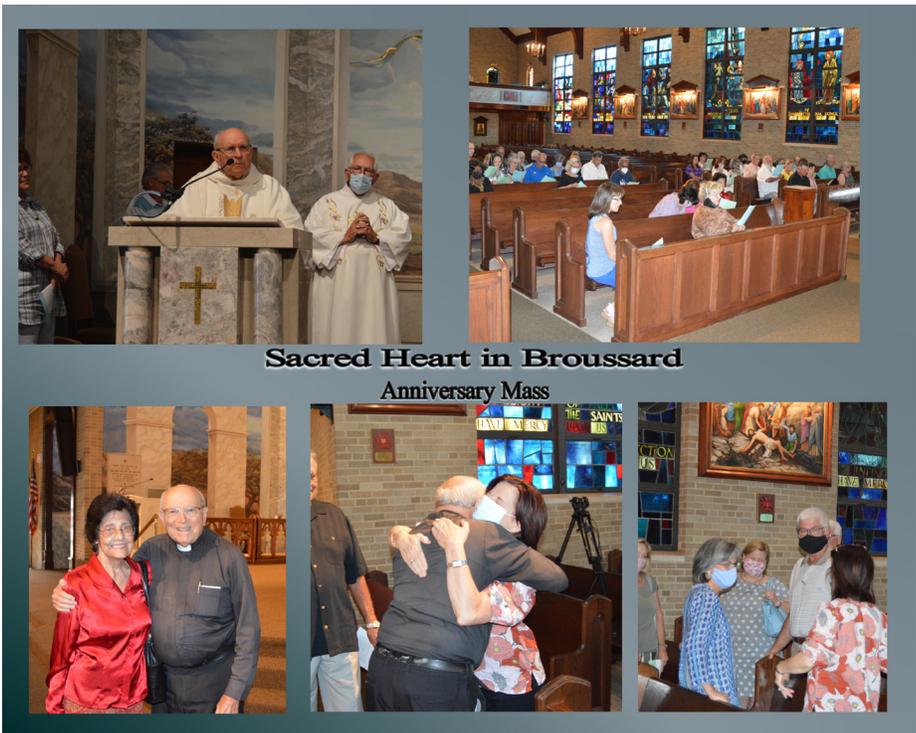
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MY TESTIMONY

by Johnny Williams

I am here to talk to you tonight about my *Come, Lord Jesus!* experience and our *Come, Lord Jesus!* family, “The Chosen Ones”. This isn’t about me, but the family and the joy we share. Our group or our family started 10 years ago this month. We are truly blessed to still be together after all this time. Like most of you, I had a hard time committing to a once a week meeting. Once we got started I began to look forward to our *Come, Lord Jesus!* meetings. Like all groups, we have had some members go and new members come, but the core family has stayed together from the beginning. One story we all like to share is in our first year we invited several couples to a Lenten mission to join us. I still remember a few saying, “Hey, I’m only here for Lent.” That Lenten season has come and gone but those who were invited are still with us. I sometimes smile when talking with newer members of the family when they say that they feel a little lost during the scriptural reading and discussion portion of the meeting. I just want to say, “You want to talk lost, you should have seen us back in the day.” I remember listening to the homily and wanting to interrupt the priest saying, “ You have it all wrong. That’s not what we talked about last Tuesday night – Can I get up there and say a few words?” One more thing I would like to mention about our family. You can count on the entire family attending the meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. That Tuesday we break bread together. In other words, we all go out to eat after the meeting like a date night. What a great time for more Christian fellowship – just like Sunday dinner with your regular family. And now after 10 years, we still sing “Come, Holy Ghost” off key or at least I do, but I give it my best. I have learned to pray spontaneously not only at the meetings, but every chance I get. I always start my spontaneous prayer by saying “Hello Jesus” because Jesus is not only our Savior but our friend.



Sacred Heart in Broussard
Anniversary Mass

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Cow Island LA: Barbara Bourque
Duson, LA: Juanita Bienvenu
Erath, LA: Tina Marie Stutes
Grand Coteau, LA: Scott Smith
Houma, LA: Jeannie McKey
Lafayette, LA: Mike France
Lufkin, TX: Cheryl Lamont
Pierre Part, LA: Veronica Wells
St. Amant, LA: Priscilla Pinckard
Ville Platte, LA: Mia Tate

WELCOME *New Groups!*

Youngsville, LA: Brandi Landry- **Leader**
 Roslyn Ann Simon, Jessica Clark, Cearley W. Fontenot



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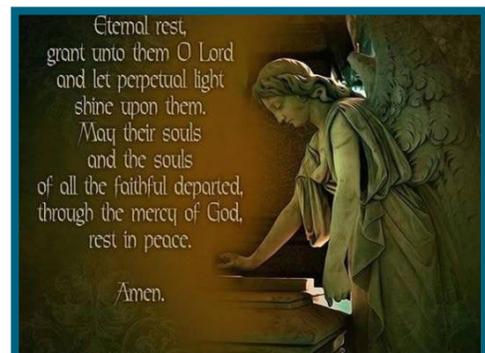
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Join our Outreach!

Come, Lord Jesus! Outreach ministry presents
“We are God’s Collaborators” 1 Cor 3:9
 Location or online venue pending Covid restrictions
 Date: November 16th 2021
 Time: 9:00 A.M.
 For more information contact:
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JULY 26 - AUGUST 2021 Memorial Burse Donations

Theresa Regina Bergan	Shane Higginbotham
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Darren Hebert	Ferdiand Clyde “Foot” Tauriac
Deacon Douglas Joseph Hebert	



Condolences September 2021

- To member Lee Anna Guillory of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her husband, Doward Guillory.
- To member Lynn Landreneau of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her husband, Gary Landreneau.
- To member Lisa Schmidt of St. Landry, LA on the death of her mother-in-law, Marianna Schmidt.
- To member Cindy Jackson of Youngsville, LA on the death of her mother, Eulalie "Lee" Muszar Michel.
- To member Cathy Bacon-Callahan of Washington, LA on the death of her husband, Joseph "Joe" Callahan.
- To member Starlet Higginbotham of Church Point, LA on the death of her husband, Shane Higginbotham (also a member.)
- To the members of "Hope In Abundance" Group in Broussard, LA on the death of their member, Larita Simoneaux.
- To member Leonard Fontenot of Ville Platte, LA on the death of his wife, Mary Alice Fontenot.
- To member Arleen Bodin of Jeanerette, LA on the death of her brother, Deacon Douglas Joseph Hebert.
- To member Helen Ledet of Broussard, LA on the death of her brother, Ferdiand Clyde "Foot" Tauriac.
- To the members of "Handmaid of the Lord" group in Ville Platte, LA on the death of their leader, Jinver Soileau.
- To *CLJ!* Outreach Coordinator Marianne Hebert of Lafayette, LA on the death of her brother-in-law, Darren Hebert.
- To Area Coordinator and leader Gracie Guillotte of Franklin, LA on the death of her son, Allen "Doogie" Guillotte, Jr.
- To member Janet B. Greig of Esther, LA on the death of her father, Noé Raywood "N.R." Broussard (who had just celebrated his 100th birthday in July!).
- To leader Rita Faulk of Cow Island, LA on the death off her husband, David Faulk.

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