

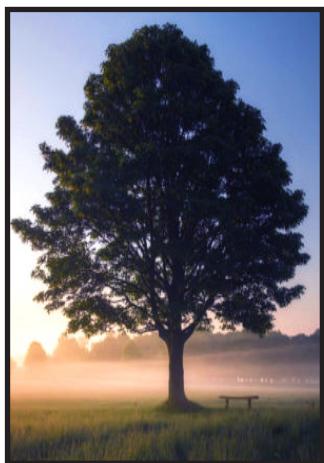


COME, LORD JESUS!

*Spiritual Insights
Reports
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Program Updates*



*July 3rd
14th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 10
15th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 17
16th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 24
17th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 31
18th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



In asking Jesus for an increase of faith the apostles were looking for that charismatic power that would enable them to perform marvels. They had tried unsuccessfully to cure a demented boy, whereas Jesus cured him with ease (Mt 17:14-21). The disciples also saw Jesus cause a fig tree to wither up simply through a word of command (Mt 21:18-22). They wanted that same kind of power. Each time Jesus had told them it was because they had such little trust that they were unsuccessful (Mt 17:20-22). “*You will receive all that you pray for, provided you have faith*”, Jesus assured them (Mt 21:22). That is why the apostles said, “*Increase our faith*” (Lk 17:5).

In response to their request for an increase of faith, Jesus said that faith the size of a mustard seed could cause a tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea (Lk 17:6); such faith could move a mountain; nothing would be impossible for them (Mt 17:20). These stupendous examples show us the power of ordinary, humble faith. They bring out the disproportion between simple faith (like a tiny mustard seed) and the marvelous results that it accomplishes.

In response to their petition for an increase of miracle-performing faith, Jesus says that it is not so much a large amount as the kind of genuine faith that they need for the Christian life. This seemingly insignificant power of faith will bring about a remarkable transformation in a person’s life. Faith brings about the transition from sense to spirit, from human to divine, from sin to virtue, from sadness to joy, from despair to hope, from hate to love, from addiction to freedom, from self to God, from darkness to light, from anxiety and turmoil to peace and tranquility, from earthly to heavenly existence.

All of this marvelous, seemingly impossible transition will be made to take place because of simple faith. It starts off very small but grows into humongous proportions (Mt 13:31-32). This will surely happen because faith, like a mustard seed, has power to give life. The reason for this is that faith connects us to God.

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The Power of Faith

The impossible is accomplished through the simple virtue of faith. It brings about the transformation from a mere human to divine existence. But for this to happen we must tenaciously trust in God's power. God will bring this change within us and in our whole world. This change is far more glorious and spectacular than simply transferring a tree from one place to another or even moving a mountain. What faith does is effectively bring about the change of forms and orders, from the physical to the spiritual, from the earthly to the heavenly, from the human to the divine. We are in awe over God's mighty power to cause such a metamorphosis in us by the hidden, humble virtue of faith. But we must persevere in this power of trust in God and believe in his love for us. This is the quality of faith that Jesus says is so efficacious and brings such remarkable results. We must cling to him in our ups and downs, in the midst of plenty and want, in success and failure, and in our sorrows, trials, and troubles. We must remain connected to God through faith and believe all he has revealed to us in his holy Catholic Church. We must remain faithful to our God.

He will use everything that happens to us to bring about a whole new world for us (See Rom 8:28). Our limited physical and natural world must be elevated and transformed into the infinite spiritual and supernatural world of God, which is our faith-world. Through faith we allow our inferior state of existence to be taken up into the supreme world of God. What happened to Jesus momentarily on the Mount of Transfiguration and permanently on the day of his Resurrection will also happen to us. God will become all in all of us (1 Cor 15:28). This is made possible for each of us in our own individual lives because of the humble, ordinary power of faith that opens us to the world of God, the divine.

Nurturing our Faith

This precious virtue of faith that brings us to live in communion with the living God and share the eternal life of the Blessed Trinity must be nourished with the word of God: "*Not on bread alone is man to live but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God*" (Mt 4:4) "*Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you*" (Col 3:16). "*My words are spirit and life*" Jesus explained (Jn 6:63).



We need to take this word in and assimilate it through reflection and meditation. We need to write out impressive phrases and passages and commit them to memory. *Jesus is Truth Itself* (Jn 14:16). By assimilating the truth expressed by his word we become like him, transformed into his image. Faith is the virtue which receives such divine revelation. This revelation, truth, which is identified with Jesus, illuminates our inner being and even our faith. Elevated by the gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge and counsel, faith begins to intimate God himself and the glorified Jesus as well as the Holy Spirit dwelling within us (Jn 14:16-21; Eph 1:17-21). Faith takes on the quality of light. If at one time we lived in darkness now we are light in the Lord (Eph 5:8). This is the result of creating for ourselves an environment of faith by taking in God's word and storing it in our memory like Mary did, as it is written, "*Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart*" (Lk 2:19).

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Anniversary Mass



St. Augustine - Basile, LA



Anniversary Celebration - St. Agnes - Jefferson



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Abbeville, LA: Marilyn Cabrol, Stephen Langlinais
Charlene Roy

Carlyss, LA: Amanda Carlin

Coteau, LA: Melissa Simon

Grand Prairie, LA: Brandy Bertrand

Harvey, LA: Jean Larroquette, Cherlyn Klein
Marilee Nocito

Lafayette, LA: Carolyn Keating, Catherine Tortorich

Leesville, LA: Dakota Heimbecher, Sophie Heimbecher

Samantha Matieu, Patolo Matieu, Tressa Ducas

Tammy L. Anderson, Christian Hernandez

Metairie, LA: Linda P. Bourgeois

Morgan City, LA: June Pennison

New Iberia, LA: Skip Leleux, Stephanie Leleux

Craig Lopez, Cheryl Lopez

New Orleans, LA: Jody Delaune

Opelousas LA: Barbara Grogen Durio

Plaisance, LA: Tammy Thibodeaux

Ragley, LA: Paula Herr

Rayne, LA: JoAnn Colligan

St. Amant, LA: Sarah Thomas, Sonia Templet
Murphy Bergeron, Antionette "Netsy" Schilling
Glynn Tidwell, Sheila Walker

RETURNING MEMBERS

Broussard, LA: Phyllis Boumans,
Dorothy Fitzgerald

Sulphur, LA: Reesa Boudreaux

July 2022 Gift Bags Received



Abbeville	Estherwood	New Iberia
Baker	Eunice	New Orleans
Basile	Fenton	Oberlin
Baton Rouge	Forked Island	Opelousas
Bayou Vista	Franklin	Pierre Part
Bell City	Grand Prairie	Pine Prairie
Borger, TX	Gretna	Plaisance
Bossier City	Harvey	Ragley
Breaux Bridge	Houma	Rayne
Broussard	Iowa	Schriever
Buda, TX	Jeanerette	Scott
Cankton	Jefferson	Slidell
Carencro	Kenner	St. Amant
Carlyss	Kinder	St. Martinville
Cecilia	Lafayette	Sulphur
Coteau	Lake Arthur	Thibodeaux
Cow Island	Lake Charles	Vidrine
Crowley	Marrero	Ville Platte
Dalhart, TX	Maurice	Washington
Delcambre	Metairie	
Duson	Milton	
Egan	Mire	
Erath	Morgan City	
Esther	Morse	

NEW GROUPS:

Jeanerette: David Rogers.... **Leader**
Stephen Landry, Annette Landry, Tim Lancon
Debbie Lancon, Mark Beslin, Kerry Beslin
Phyllis Broussard, Sandra Rogers,
Josh St. Germain, Noah St. Germain

Algiers, LA: Jerry Simoneaux.... **Leader**
Cherie Niles, Will Lannes, Donna Theard
Veronica Tuazon, Michelle Torres,
Claire Kleinschmidt, Lauren Slawson,
Gene Ducote, Natia Sciortino, Marcia Legendre
Cheryl Stocker, Diana Schaubhut, Danny Lawless
Shirley Spedale

Algiers, LA:Theresa Ducote....**Leader**
Sylvia Reimonenq, Dana Schmitt, Pete Schmitt
Julie Williams, Stephanie Caldearo, E.J. Arendt
Carol Becnel, Judy Mazaroli, Jermaine Lewis

MAY 24 - JUNE 22, 2022
Memorial Burse Donations

Georgia Angelle
Betty Azocna
Franklin Courville
Tommy Keller
Eulalie Mott
Paul Prevost
Millie Wilborn

Condolences

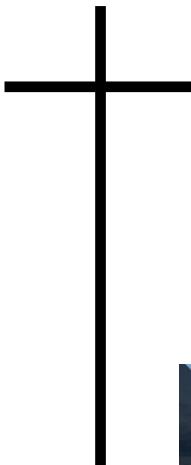
To member Joan Mayeux from Kenner, LA on the death of her sister, Betty Azocna, and her son in law, Tommy Keller.

To member Malise Prevost of Franklin, LA on the death of her son, Paul Prevost.

To member Diane Summerlin of Slidell, LA on the death of her sister, Eulalie Mott.

To member Nancy Wilborn of Abbeville, LA on the death of her sister, Millie Wilborn.

To member Brenda Fontenot of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her husband, Nasen Fontenot.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

