



COME, LORD JESUS!

*Spiritual Insights
Reports
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October
*Every Thursday
Memorial Mass
for the enrollees
in the CLJ! Memorial*

October 2
*27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

October 9
*28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

October 16
*29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

October 23
*30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

October 30
*31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

The Moral Virtues

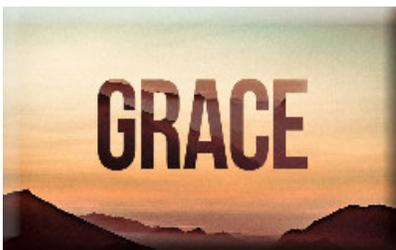
Sanctifying grace is poured into the substance of the soul by God. This gives us a share in the divine nature, eternal life, the very life of God. In order to act supernaturally, grace has certain powers which are called virtues. These virtues spring from sanctifying grace and are in both the higher powers of the soul (intellect and will) and in the lower powers as well (the senses, appetites, and passions). In this way the whole person, including our bodies, can be under the dominion of grace and in communion with God so that we can be sensitive to his least movements and inspirations. In our last newsletter, we addressed the theological virtues: faith, hope and love. Now let's look at the moral virtues.

St. Thomas Aquinas discusses more than fifty of these in his *Summa Theologiae*. And there are more. But they can all be reduced or related to four main ones called the **Cardinal Virtues**. These are *prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude*. They correspond to the natural, acquired virtues by the same names. These latter are good habits in us that are the result of our repeatedly performing good acts.

They become dispositions that are part of our characters. The infused virtues, on the other hand, are not acquired but given to us directly by God through sanctifying grace. They increase with grace and can be lost by mortal sin.

Holy Scripture speaks of these infused moral virtues. We read in the book of Wisdom, "*If one loves justice, the fruit of her works are virtues; For she teaches moderation and prudence, justice and fortitude, and nothing in life is more useful for men than these*" (8:7).

These virtues do not unite us directly to God as the theological virtues. Their work is to remove the obstacles that stand in our way to God. Prudence directs us to choose the best means for us to pursue our supernatural goal, God. Justice inclines us to give to each one what is his or her due. Temperance enables us to moderate our inclination toward pleasure. Fortitude strengthens us to face trial and struggle and control our aggressive acts.



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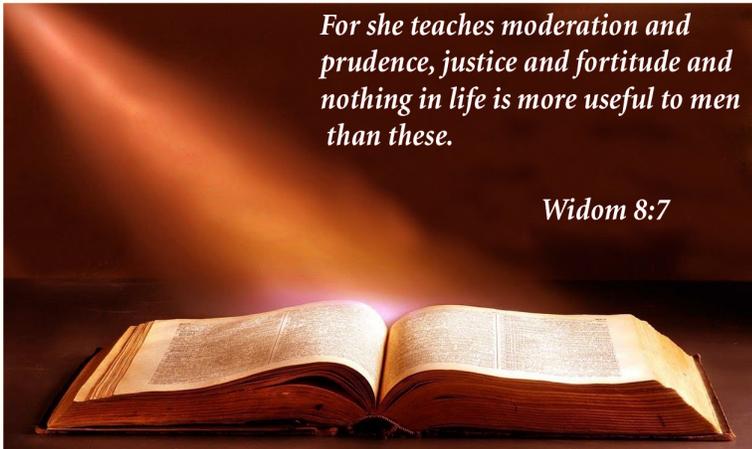
The Cardinal Virtues can be further explained this way: **Prudence** points the way to the good. It places practical reason in right order. **Justice** gives the right orientation to the will. It loosens the grip of selfishness in matters of objective justice and right. **Temperance** maintains a balance in the appetites of desire, holding to the right mean between dullness and lust. **Fortitude** keeps the aggressive appetite under control, maintaining a balance between timidity and insolence.

Prudence and justice order and regulate the two spiritual powers of the soul, while *temperance and fortitude* control sensual desire and rebellion, thus keeping the principal psychosomatic capacities in order. Let us look at these infused moral virtues still more closely.

Prudence is a supernatural, moral virtue which inclines our intellect to choose the best means for attaining our goals, but subordinating them to our ultimate end, God. Prudence concerns itself with all the details of our life. It regulates our thoughts to prevent them from straying away from God. It regulates our motives to keep them aloof from whatever may affect their singleness of purpose. It regulates our affections, our sentiments, and our choices so as to center them on God. It regulates even our exterior actions and the executions of our good resolves so as to refer them to our ultimate end.

Justice is the supernatural moral virtue which inclines the will to render to others what is strictly their due. This virtue regulates those duties which we are strictly bound to discharge towards our neighbor. (Charity goes beyond what we are obliged to do and gives more). The virtue of religion is related to justice in that it makes us render to God the worship that is due him. The virtue of obedience is also related to justice in that it inclines us to respect and obey those who have authority over us.

Temperance is a supernatural virtue that moderates the attraction towards sense-pleasure, especially that of taste and sensual pleasure, and keeps them within the limits of reason illumined by faith. This virtue enables us to refrain or control the movements of the concupiscible (pleasure) appetite in which it resides (as well as in the will). Other virtues related to temperance are sobriety which moderates our use of intoxicating drinks; chastity which moderates desire for venereal pleasure according to our state of life; meekness which moderates anger; humility which moderates our own self-worth; modesty which makes us observe proper decorum in our gestures, bodily movements and dress; eutrapalia regulates recreation; there are also others.



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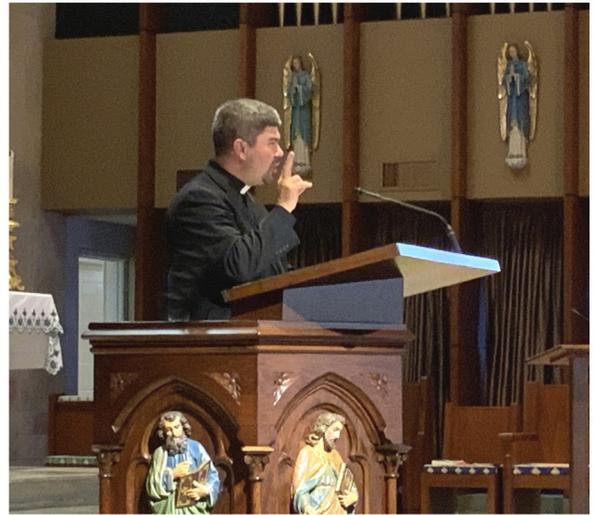
Wisdom 8:7

Fortitude is a supernatural, moral virtue that strengthens the will and irascible (aggressive) appetite in the pursuit of difficult and arduous moral good, even when faced with grave danger to bodily health and life. This virtue has as its proper subject the irascible appetite because it is especially concerned with the control of fear and daring. Fortitude conquers unreasonable fear in the face of an evil that threatens. Other virtues that are connected to fortitude are magnanimity which enables us to do great things for God and neighbor; munificence which prompts us to do great works at great expense; patience which makes us withstand physical and moral suffering with calmness for the love of God; constancy which consists in struggling and suffering to the end without yielding to weariness, discouragement or inertia. See [The Spiritual Life](#) by A. Tanqueray and [Spiritual Theology](#) by J. Aumann for more information.

Father Conley Bertrand



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Father Joshua Guillory



2022 Leaders' Seminar



Laurie James, Cantor



Father Bertrand with members



Father Randy Moreau



Anniversary Mass - Opelousas St. Landry Catholic Church





- Abbeville, LA:** Carolyn Harris
Broussard, LA: Ronnie Menard, Michael Pothier
Cindy Beaumont
Cankton, LA: Susan S. Prejean
Carencro, LA: Mark Mallett
DeRidder, LA: Matthew Lee, Lesila Lee,
Ramona Brenski, Tara Escobio, Jody Cline
Eunice, LA: Julie Wedlock
Gretna, LA: Nancy Clay
Harvey, LA: Dwayne Dukes
Jeanerette, LA: Pam Racca, Brandy St. Germain
Jefferson, LA: Chris Rosenplanter, Eileen Rosenplanter
Michele Solares, Ray Solares
Lafayette, LA: Rose Walker, Myra Broussard, Kim Chelette,
Tanya Roy
Lawtell, LA: Angie Soileau
Loreauville, LA: Darlene Jeanlouis
Marrero, LA: Janet Dufrene, Rita White
Paulina, LA: Rachel Alleman
St. Amant, LA: Susan Haydel, Heather Sharon
Vidrine, LA: Lori B. Haller
Washington, LA: Sharon Guillory

Returning Members

- Breaux Bridge, LA:** Marella Trahan
Rayne, LA: Toni Hoffpauir



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AUGUST 23 - SEPT 21, 2022 Memorial Burse Donations

Racquel Banks	Dianna Lynn Benoit
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Eula "Tiny" Fontenot	Lillian Gaines
Ron Gomez	Ornell Roy Jacobs
James Doyle Martin	Kathryn Poindexter
Dora Richard	Aunteal "Slim" Thibodeaux
Patricia Tyler	Brenda LaHaye Vidrine

Condolences

To member Dorothy Thibodeaux of Youngsville, LA on the death of her husband, Aunteal "Slim" Thibodeaux.

To the members of "Your Face, Lord, I Seek" in Broussard, LA on the death of their member, Ornell Jacobs.

To member Della Breaux of Eunice, LA on the death of her son, Keil Murray.

To member Dorothy Fontenot of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her husband, P.L. Fontenot.

To members Faye Parrott, Katy Marcantel and Gayle Fontenot of Vidrine, LA on the death of their sister, Brenda LaHaye Vidrine.

To member Karen Griffith of Vidrine, LA on the death of her mother, Eula "Tiny" Fontenot.

To the members of "Seek the Lord" Group in Morse, LA on the death of their member, Lily "Posh" Beasley.

To the members of "Stay With Us" Group in Estherwood, LA on the death of their member, Gerry Dupuis.

To the members of "Wisdom & Knowledge" Group in Slidell, LA on the death of their member, Patricia Tyler.

To member Tibby Davis and Sister Linda of Metairie, LA on the death of their friend, Ms. Racquel Banks.

To the members of "The Spirit That Gives Life" in Madisonville, LA on the death of their member, Lillian Gains.

To member Sue Richard of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her mother, Dora Richard.

To member Vivian Begnaud of Lafayette, LA on the death of her brother James Martin (who was a *CLJ!* leader in Cecilia for many years.



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