



Lord Jesus!

*Spiritual Insights
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April

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

**April 2
Palm Sunday**

**April 9
Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 16
2nd Sunday of Easter**

**April 23
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Easter presents us with the marvelous event of God's saving grace – not only something that happened in the past, but as a glorious reality that is fully, personally present to us in the risen Jesus. St. Paul tells us that God wants us, his holy ones to know the glory—beyond price which this mystery brings, the mystery of Christ in us, our hope of glory (Col 1:27). Through our union with the glorified Jesus, we already have a foretaste of future glory.

St. Paul's great desire was for us to realize and experience the presence of our glorified Lord. He prayed that we might have a spirit of wisdom and insight to know him clearly, and to see the great hope to which he has called us, the wealth of our glorious heritage, and the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe. Indeed, we, the Church, are the recipient of Jesus' glorious fullness (Eph 1:17-23).

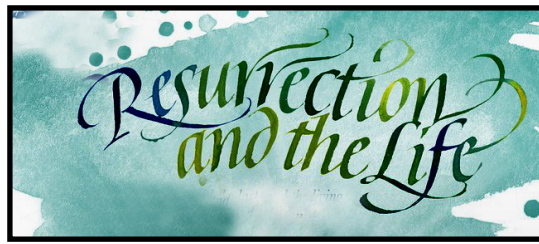
Not only is Jesus in us – we are also in him (Jn 14:20). We were baptized into this glorious Lord (Rom 6:3). Moreover, both with and in Christ Jesus, God raised us up – he brought us to life with Christ (Eph 2:5-6).

Through baptism we transcended time and space – we were joined to Jesus the moment he was raised from the dead so that we too began to live the life of the resurrection. God gave us new life in company with Christ (Col 2:13). *"This means that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The older order has passed away; now all is new (2Cor 5:17).* We are so one with this glorious Jesus that we live his very life. With St. Paul we can say, *"The life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me" (Gal 2:20).*

We are called to enter into this supreme life of the resurrection with Jesus. In order to actually live it, we must actively participate in it and make it our own. This is what the spiritual life is all about! St. Paul explained it this way: *"You must lay aside your former way of life and the old self which deteriorates through illusion and desire, and acquire a fresh, spiritual way of thinking. You must put on that new man created in God's image..." (Eph 4:22-24).*

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The apostle goes on to explain what this means in greater detail. We must refrain from sinful actions and practice the virtues instead (Eph 4:25-32). We are to be attentive to this important matter, make efforts, and discipline ourselves. This implies that we reflect upon our daily activities, our attitudes, and actions, the way we relate to others, how we do our work. We examine these in light of God's word. We talk to God about them and listen in the depths of our hearts to what he tells us in response. Thus, we are gradually enlightened and empowered to make the necessary changes in our lives in order to bring them into conformity with God's will.

Life in communion with the risen Christ demands serious attention. Such a noble privilege cannot be taken lightly! St. Paul, our teacher, expresses it this way: *"Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Be intent on things above rather than on things on earth (Col 3:1-2).*

We are challenged to give priority to our faith life, to spend more time on spiritual matters, such as prayer, Scripture reading, devout and frequent reception of the sacraments – especially the Eucharist and Penance – and the participation in faith community.

The great apostle clarifies still further what it means for us to live the Christ life, *"Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth...put aside your old self and its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator"* (Col 3:5, 9-10). We are to oppose the sinful tendencies that arise within us. We take positive action against them by foregoing or denying these disorderly desires. In this way the glorious Easter life of Jesus can reign in us instead of weak, human life and its enslaving passions. May this joyous, eternal life become an ever-greater lived reality in each of us!

Father Bertrand

Spiritual Formation - St. Augustine - Basile, LA



2023 Annual Come, Lord Jesus! Conference





WELCOME New Members

Abbeville, LA: Bobbie Rider, Louise Broussard, Amy Landry, Jan Keeton
Algiers, LA: Dionne Simoneaux, Lisa Alexander
Broussard, LA: Darline Broussard
Dalhart, TX: Karen Graff, Loretta Martins
Erath, LA: Cynthia Ardoin, Pam Broussard
Franklin, LA: Inez Robicheaux, Heidi Hicks
Grand Prairie, LA: Cathy Dupre
Gretna, LA: Gabrielle Licata, Audrey Wilson, Tina Covington, Maxine Francois
Jeanerette, LA: Mary T. Johnson,
Jennings, LA: Jennifer Richard, Sr. Camille Martinez, Mary Landry, Patricia Meche, Natalie D'Aquin
Lafayette, LA: Nancy Maraist, Peggy Sonnier, Jackie Bourgeois, Julie Christman
Lake Charles, LA: Cheryl LeBlanc, Jeanne McGlathery
Metairie, LA: Preston Cifreo, Mary Ann Curry, Berthile Claverie, Virgie Couret, Dianne Dumestre, Tammy Keppler
 Felicia Randazzo
Patterson, LA: Renee Garris
Vidrine, LA: Marie Soileau, Karen Alford
Ville Platte, LA: Cecilia Miller, Peter B. Strawitz III, Suzette L. Miller, Pat J. Enicke
Youngsville, LA: Mary Viator, Daniel Viator, Harolyn Falgoust, Oneil Falgoust, Jill Arceneaux, Robert Arceneaux
 Erica Bonin, Jason Bonin

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Memorial Burse Donations FEB 20 - MARCH 22, 2023

Victor Gastinel, Jr.	Ray Chapman
Madeline B. LaPorte	Earl Crochet
Suzanne Florine Edwards	Frank Joseph Mistretta
Joe Daigle	Ervin Lafleur
Vic Marsiglia	



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Condolences

- To the members of "Tongues of Fire" group in Delcambre, LA on the death of their member, Norma Margaret Griffin.
- To member Mary Reavill of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her brother, Ray Chapman.
- To member Jeanie Bienvenu of Breaux Bridge, LA on the death of her sister, Madeline B. LaPorte.
- To member JoAnn Keegan of Jefferson, LA on the death of her husband, Tom Keegan III.
- To member Patty Marks of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her uncle, Earl Crochet.
- To member Kristi Roy of Cow Island, LA on the death of her grandmother, Venola Broussard.
- To member Telezia Landry of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her son-in-law, Allen Eisenman.
- To member Betty Lafleur of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her husband, Ervin Lafleur.
- To member Charlene Marsiglia of Harahan, LA on the death of her husband, Vic Marsiglia.



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