



COME, LORD JESUS!

NEWSLETTER
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*Spiritual Insights
Reports
Formation
Program Updates*

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

February 5
Fifth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

February 12
Sixth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

February 19
Seventh Sunday of
Ordinary Time

February 22
Ash Wednesday

February 26
First Sunday of Lent

Important Notices:

2023 Leader Update Forms
are due by February 15th!
A sincere thanks to all the
leaders who have already
submitted them!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
COME, LORD JESUS!
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
March 25th
REGISTRATION FORM
on Pg. 4

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT MATTHEW 22:34-40

Christian Love

The greatest and most important commandment in all of divine revelation is that you *love God with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole strength and with your whole mind* (see Mt 22:37).

This means that you are called to love God above everyone and everything – even above yourself. You allow no selfish desire or sin to come before his will. God has first place in your life. For he is your supreme good, the one who created you and constantly sustains you in existence. *“In him we live and move and have our being”* (Ac 17:28). He is the life of your life, the soul of your soul. He provides for you from moment to moment. God is the one who redeems you. His infinite love surrounds and penetrates you and continues to save and free you even now. He is worthy of your greatest love. That is why you are commanded to love him.

The second commandment is like the first: it is of the same order and importance; it commands you to *love your neighbor as yourself*. Everything that God has ever said can thus be summed up in the word **love** – love of God and neighbor.

The same love is directed to both God and fellow man and woman. The two are so closely related that they perfect each other. Growth in love for God brings with it a greater love for neighbor. On the other hand, scripture says, *“If we love one another God dwells in us and his love is brought to perfection in us”* (1 Jn 4:12).

Divine love in you grows stronger and matures through your love for others. The two are so connected that love for the unseen God is proven by loving your neighbor whom you can see. It is impossible to love God and be unconcerned for others at the same time. A person who closes his heart to one in need has also closed his heart to God. Jesus said that whatever you do for others you actually do for him. True love for God expresses itself in deeds of love for others. This love for others is so important that should someone hold something against you, you first need to make up with him or her before you can be properly disposed to worship God.

Father Bertrand

Loving Like Jesus

The New Commandment

Love is Jesus' new commandment. He has taken the commandment to "*love your neighbor as yourself*" even further. He wants you to love as he loved. He would have you give your life for others in service and self-sacrifice. This is the highest kind of love that you can have. This is Christian love or agape. It is the definitive sign of a true follower of Jesus. This is the kind of love that indicates that you are Jesus' intimate friend. It calls for the total gift of goods and self. It urges you to "*sell what you have and give to the poor*," then to dedicate yourself entirely to the service of others – like Jesus did.

Your state of life may not allow you to dispose of your property so that you can be wholly free to dedicate yourself and your time to the service of others. But you may keep yourself free from possessiveness and preoccupation with material goods and try to use them for the service of those whose lives are mingled with yours. You will then have more time and psychic energy to devote yourself wholeheartedly to others. The love of neighbor demands just as total a renunciation as does the love of God. Perfect Christian love means that you give yourself over totally to the other – to God in obedience and consecration, to neighbor in compassion and dedicated service. Freedom and independence are given up for the sake of the loved one – which includes even the "enemy". No one can love in this way unless he gives up his own pleasure, his own convenience and even his own rights.



This is asking a great deal of you, isn't it? Humanly speaking it is impossible for you to be so self-giving. Human nature is of itself too selfish to love that much, that selflessly. But God can make it possible for you to at least come close to loving that much, if not entirely so, as some of the saints seem to have done. The Holy Spirit himself can gradually take over your life and do through you what you could never do by your own unaided human power. He may have already put the desire in your heart to strive for that supreme kind of love that Jesus calls you to. This desire is an ideal to live for even if you know that you are far from it.

The fervor of your desire and the strain and struggle which you exert to reach that ideal will gradually purify and transform you and, in great measure, make up for your weak love for others. When you fail to measure up to the ideal of love, you remember that human nature is weak. You do not become discouraged. You know that it takes time and patience and much effort, along with failure, which schools you in humility, before your human nature can be transformed and empowered to love divinely. God knows this better than you and is infinitely patient. He knows the difficulty and how slow and long the journey is to perfect love. But this is what he asks you to attempt, little by little, as much as you can. Remember that great accomplishments begin with small steps. All you need to do is to begin making those small steps.

Each little act of love has eternal value and has repercussions in you and in the one for whom you do it; it is transforming – even if it goes by unrecognized or unappreciated. God does not expect the impossible of you. He only wants you to do your best. He is there to help you, to strengthen you each step of the way or to pick you up when you fall. The encouraging factor is that desiring and attempting to love is already in fact loving and you are opening yourself up to invasion of the Holy Spirit who will gradually take over your life and enable you to love divinely.



St. Joseph
CLJ! Youth Group
Parks, LA



Church Parish Representative
Workshop
DeRidder, LA



*Please join us for our
Come, Lord Jesus! Annual Conference*



Keynote Speaker - Father Keith Pellerin

When: Saturday March 25, 2023

8:30 – 12:00

Where: St. Mary Catholic Church

419 Doucet Road

Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

Topic: 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Healing Virtues

Concluding with the celebration of Mass with our founder, Father Conley Bertrand

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Phone () _____

There is no fee, but registration is required by March 15 so that we may plan accordingly.

Please mail to: Come, Lord Jesus! / 1804 W. University Ave. Lafayette, LA 70506

Or send via email to : comelordjesusprogram@gmail.com

For more information, call 337- 233-6277 Monday – Wednesday 8:00-3:00



St. Joseph The Worker Pierre Part Spiritual Formation



Meet our Advisory Board



From Top Left - Shawn O'Neill and John Cart

From Bottom Left - Father Randall Moreau, Patrice Williams, Father Conley Bertrand

Come, Lord Jesus! Spanish Program Church Point, LA





Adding to our Numbers

NEW MEMBERS:

Abbeville LA: Mary Broussard, Katri Brasseaux

Algiers, LA: Thao Dola, Pat Lallinger

Baton Rouge, LA : Arlene Byrd, Angie Broyles

Berwick,LA: Kathy LaBouve

Broussard,LA : Bridget Strother

Coteau,LA : Mary Ann Hebert

DeRidder,LA : Chris Cooper Divit

Eunice,LA : Cynthia Fontenot

Grand Coteau, LA : Karlene Dugas

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Val Coles, Eric Houin, Sandra Duplantis

Jefferson,LA : Connie Benoit

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Jeri Debaillon, Logan Broussard

Lake Charles,LA : Charles Marcantel

Damian France

Metairie,LA : Ronald Haag,Mary Francis

Morgan City,LA : Helen Solar

New Iberia,LA : Brenda Scott,Sherry David

Carol Gros,Sylvia Romero,Chris Dauterive

Bonnie Wallace, Bettie Louviere,Rosie Ortego

Becky Bernard

Paulina,LA : Robyn Boudoin

Pierre Part,LA : Hilda Simoneaux

Youngsville,LA : Shari Miller, Marlene Darcy

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 23, 2023

Memorial Burse Donations

Walter Hastings
Edwin Whipp,Jr.
Gary Orgeron

Bea Smith
Glenda Wiltz
Rhonda Maria Hutchison

December 2022

With Sincere Gratitude!

Gift Bags Received

Abbeville	Grand Prairie	Pine Prairie
Avery Island	Gretna	Prairie Ronde
Baton Rouge	Houma	Prairieville
Bayou Vista	Jeanerette	Ragley
Bell City	Jefferson	Schriever
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Esther	Morgan City	
Estherwood	Morse	
Eunice	Mowata	
Fenton	New Iberia	
Forked Island	Opelousas	
Franklin	Patterson	
Fritch TX	Paulina	
Grand Coteau	Pierre Part	

WELCOME NEW GROUPS!

Lake Charles, LA: ... *Deacon Josue Canelo.... Leader*

Fabiola Mateo, Heriberto Rocha, Francisca Gonzales
Femanbu Ortiz, Mojsol Racha, Isaira Canelo

Westwego, LA: ... *Rhonda Herrmann.... Leader*

Clara Abramson, Donna Martin,Bonnie Plaisance,
Chris Plaisance

Westwego, LA: ... *Mike Calecas.... Leader*

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Leslie Champagne, Michelle Clements,
Lori Landreneau

Lake Charles, LA: ... *Ruvelia Olivares.... Leader*

Ruben Martinez, Alberto Martinez, Bianca A.Gonzalez
Ana Maria Ruiz, Leticia Morales, Irma Murillo
Julian Olivares, Lucy Barrientos, Laura Galvan
Arnulfo Olivares, Dante Gonzalez

Lake Charles, LA: ... *Miguel Del Rosal.... Leader*

Sonia Leija, Maria Leija, Veronica Villalpondo,
Paulina Contreras, Veronica Vargas,
Beatrice Rodriguez, Guillermo Bravo,
Maria Salazar, Esthela Del Rosal



Condolences February 2023

To member Cherice Teets from Eunice, LA on the death of her grandmother, Connie Leonard

To member Sheila Leonards from Eunice, LA on the death of her mother-in-law, Connie Leonards.

To member Jane Sherman of Baton Rouge, LA on the death of her father, Walter Hastings.

To member Suzanne Mayeaux of Vidrine, LA on the death of her mother, Bea Smith.

To member Carol Whipp of New Iberia, LA on the death of her husband, Edwin Whipp, Jr.

To leader Colleen Hunter of Morgan City, LA on the death of her mother, Dot Whitley.

To member Nina Powers of Kinder, LA on the death of her father, Willie Powers.

To member Melanie Orgeron of Marrero, LA on the death of her husband, Gary Orgeron.

To member Wanda Gerard of Mire, LA on the death of her mother, Ruth Barzare.

To leader Sandra Montalbano of Slidell, LA on the death of her niece, Rhonda Maria Hutchison.

To member Kathy Soileau of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her mother, Gerri Brunet.

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