



Come, Lord Jesus!

*Spiritual Insights
Reports
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Program Updates*

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

March 3
3rd Sunday of Lent

March 10
4th Sunday of Lent

March 17
5th Sunday of Lent

March 24
*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
March 29*

March 29
Good Friday

March 31
*Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of
the Lord*



The Lenten season takes us to the unforgettable moment at the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet – a task only slaves would do. This is a sign of Jesus' loving servanthood: what he had done for the people he had served during his ministry, and what he would do to a supreme degree by laying down his life for all of us sinners.

This was an intimate moment of love, how Jesus loved and how he was passing on this love to his disciples. He would capture his infinite love for us on the cross through the Holy Eucharist. He would communicate this divine love for us in Holy Communion, empowering us to love the way he did to the highest degree of self-sacrificing love.

Jesus' whole life was a life of love – love is what drove him to become human; to do his Father's will and show us how to love. He demonstrated this to us by a life of service and self-giving unto exhaustion.

Of the many things he might have said as he was preparing to leave his disciples, the one thing he focused on was love. I give you a new commandment; he said, "*love one another.*" How was this love command new? Jesus explained, "*As I have loved you, so you must love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*"

The Torah, the law in the first five books of the Old Testament, commanded human love for ourselves and our neighbor (Lev 19:18). Jesus commands divine love for one another that is modeled on his own acts of charity and generosity (Jn 15:13; 1 Jn 3:16-18). This supernatural love comes not from us but from the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5; CCC 1822-29). "*God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*" He is the one who enables us to love on a divine level. The moment we open our hearts to God in faith, he pours his divine love into us.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
COME, LORD JESUS!
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March 9th
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Suffering Servant

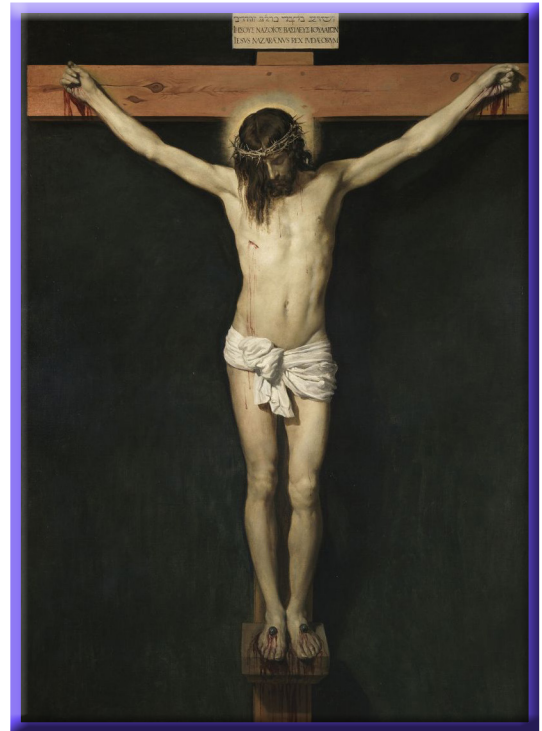
The Passion of Jesus shows us the devastating effects of sin – the suffering and death it causes. Through sin, we hurt the one who loves us most. Jesus' great love for his Father and for us moved him to voluntarily embrace the cross. It is through the cross that he saves us from sin. It is through the sufferings of the cross, willingly accepted, that we are purified from sin and made fit for the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus perfectly went through and fulfilled the role of the suffering servant. Jesus recites the Twenty Second Psalm while hanging on the cross. It is a prayer to God expressing his feeling of utter desolation as he is abandoned by his disciples, and seemingly even by God himself, to die on the cross. He cries out, *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* But this psalm is not one of despair – it is one of total trust in God as he fervently prays for divine assistance: *"But you, O Lord, be not far away from me, O my help, hasten to aid me."* And when God does deliver him, he confidently says, *"I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you..."*

And that is what Jesus did when he returned in glory on Easter Sunday morning to tell us about his triumph over death and all evil. Unlike Adam who grasped at becoming equal to God, Jesus emptied himself of his rightful glory as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity; he humbled himself by becoming human; he became the suffering servant, even to the point of death, even the most horrible death by crucifixion.

Jesus, when I look upon you on the cross, hanging there in an agony of continuous pain because you love sinners enough to want to die for us, I am made to realize how great your love for us must be. I don't believe that you could have chosen a more impressive way to demonstrate how much you care for us and how much we mean to you. In this open-armed posture of embracing the whole world of sinners like me – you remain eternally fixed. At this point of self-giveness you remain. With arms stretched out as far and as wide as they could reach, you are ever saying to me, "I love you – more than myself." Your gaze never leaves me.

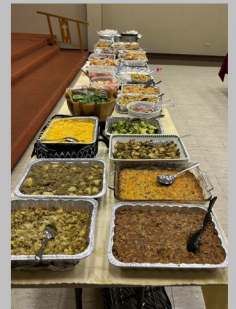
He wanted us to understand what a terrible thing sin is, that it caused the Son of God to suffer so much and die; and at the same time, he wanted us to see how much he loves us. His redemptive sufferings brought salvation to the whole world. This teaches us the value of accepted suffering when it comes our way. Suffering will purify and sanctify us if we lovingly accept it as God's will for us.



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Anniversary Mass

Sacred Heart of Jesus - Morgan City



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 Father Charles Esvaiko, Elizabeth Monju,
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 Eddie Perret, Sherry Taylor, Joan Melancon,
 Janice Hynes, Danny Hynes, Jennifer Macaluso,
 Frank Macaluso, Donna Engolia, Karen Rayes
Milton, LA: Katie Landry
New Iberia, LA: Sharon Dexter
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 Melissa Thibodeaux, Peggy Thibodeaux,
 Katie Robin, Daniel Robin
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Condolences

To member Johnny Williams of Broussard, LA on the death of his father, John Williams, Jr.

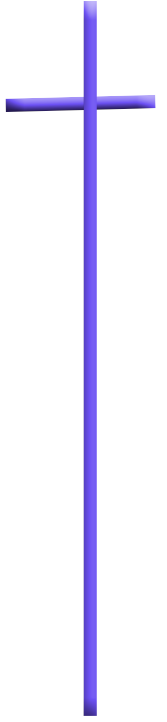
To member Laura Zuniga of Franklin, LA on the death of her sister-in-law, Suzanne Rogers Luke.

To member Jean Keplinger of Houma, LA on the death of her mother, Joyce Stutzman.

To member Verdie Aloisio of Bayou Vista, LA on the death of her husband, Jim Aloisio.

To member Brenda Moore of New Iberia, LA on the death of her brother, Francis Dorsey.

To co-leader Amy Stanford of Church Point, LA on the death of her son, Cole Stanford.



Memorial Burse Donations JAN 22,2024 - FEB 21,2024

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