



# COME, LORD JESUS!

*Spiritual Insights  
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## *The Resurrection of the Lord*

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

*April 7*  
Second Sunday of  
Easter

*April 14*  
Third Sunday of  
Easter

*April 21*  
Fourth Sunday of  
Easter

*April 28*  
Fifth Sunday of  
Easter

*"My lover is radiant...He stands out among thousands. His head is pure gold...His mouth is sweetness itself; he is all delight"* (Cant 5, 10, 16). This is the Bridegroom, Jesus, returning from his journey among the dead. He is living, beautiful and triumphant, ready to marry his Bride, the Church.

No wonder Mary Magdalene would cling to his feet on Easter morning! No wonder the two disciples whom he joined as they were walking along the road constrained him to remain with them! *"They urged him, saying, 'Stay with us!'"* (Lk 24:29). Their hearts glowed with comforting warmth as they heard him explain the Scriptures concerning himself and the happenings that had taken place. We are reminded of the Transfiguration when Peter was given a foretaste of this same heavenly glory. He too wanted to remain in the sweetness of that moment, saying, *"Lord, it is good for us to be here...Let us build three tents here."* (Mt 17:4). Later the Apostle would encourage his people to draw near to Jesus *"if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is sweet"* (1Pet 2:3).

The presence of our glorious Lord imbued celestial joy into those who were near him. *"The disciples...rejoiced at the sight of the Lord,"* (Jn 20:20) *"...they marveled for joy"* (Lk 24:41). It was really a taste of heaven to be with the Risen Christ.

Easter is a feast of joy – not only for us but for the Lord. For he had emptied himself of the dignity that was due him as Son of God and in assuming human nature took the condition of a slave. Although he was still God he was deprived of the glory belonging to him.

The Resurrection revealed his true condition which had been hidden up until then in this lowly condition as man. Through the Resurrection, Jesus resumed his divine condition. His glory, which had been hidden by the opacity of the flesh, now shines through it. Stripped of this carnal existence, our Lord has come to the glorious perfection of his union with God.

The new life of Jesus is none other than the life of the Spirit himself, the infinite power of divine life which shines out in him. This is his glory, the Spirit of God shining out in Jesus. The glory and the Spirit are the shining out of the holiness and power of God.

*Father Conley Bertrand*



# To Experience the Risen Christ



## Jesus Desires to Reveal Himself

Jesus, our glorious risen Savior, greatly desired to show himself to his disciples. *“Look at my hands and feet... Touch me and see...”* he said (Lk 24:39). And he promised that after his death he would return and reveal himself to all of his followers, that is, those who truly love him and live by his words. He promised that we would be able to see, know or experience him because he would come and live in us (Jn 14: 15-24). How many of us have actually experienced the fulfillment of this promise? If we have not yet come to know our risen Lord or only gotten a glimpse of him, how can we dispose ourselves so that Jesus will reveal himself to us even habitually?

## The Need to Reform

The apostolic preaching in the early church sheds light on the question. It was the fulfillment of the scriptures that the Messiah had to suffer and die (Lk 24:44-46). Peter explained, *“This is the Jesus God has raised up”* (Acts 2:32). *“Beyond any doubt God has made both Lord and Messiah this Jesus whom you crucified”* (Acts 2:36). *“When the people heard this, they were deeply shaken. They asked Peter and the other apostles, ‘What are we to do, brothers?’ and Peter answered: ‘You must reform your lives’”* (Acts 2:37). *“Save yourselves from this generation which has gone astray”* (Acts 2:40). *“Turn to God that your sins may be wiped away”* (Acts 3:19). *“Then you will receive the gift of the Spirit”* (Acts 2:38).

## The Problem of the “World”

In other words, we, as they, must see that it was our sins that crucified Jesus. The only way that we can be joined to our risen Lord and filled with his glorious Spirit, thus experiencing his presence, is to turn away from sin and make up for them – not only deliberate mortal or venial sin but also the sin of going after this world, its glory and its pleasures. Too often we attempt to go to Jesus without leaving this world. We want both – but, we cannot have both! For the two – Jesus and the world – are diametrically opposed to each other. Scripture warns us, *“O you unfaithful ones, are you not aware that love of the world is enmity to God? A man is marked out as God’s enemy if he chooses to be the world’s friend”* (Jas 4:4). The beloved disciple also urges us, *“Have no love for the world, nor the things that the world offers. If anyone loves the world, the Father’s love has no place in him, for nothing that the world affords comes from the Father. Carnal allurements, enticements for the eye, the life of empty show – all these are from the world. And the world with its seductions is passing away but the man who does God’s will endures forever”* (1Jn 2:15-17). Jesus said that this world had no hold on him (Jn 8:23). Can we say the same? It is extremely important that we understand how harmful our attachment to this world is to us. It stands between us and Jesus.

What is so bad about befriending this world? First of all, if we give our hearts to the things of this world, they are divided – we cannot love God with our whole hearts as the great commandment tells us (Mt 22:36-38). We devote most of our attention, energies, time and talent to the pursuit of this world in such a way that it takes God’s place in our lives. We serve it instead of God (Mt 6:24) – this is a kind of idolatry! Secondly, our appetite for the goods of this world consumes us! We are no longer free for God.

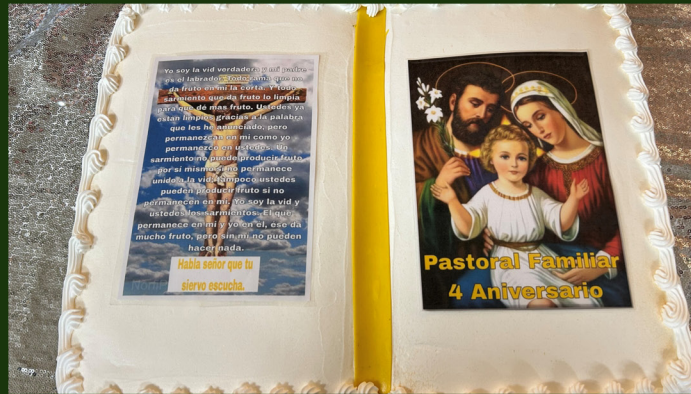
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*Celebrando cuatro años de ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!*  
 Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón  
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## New Members

**Abbeville, LA:** Rebecca Hardee

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**DeRidder, LA:** Lynn Fontenot, Sarka Rojas

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**Lafayette, LA:** Betsy Cheramie, Charlotte Huval,

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- To member Sybil Lasseigne of Morgan City, LA on the death of her sister, Cherly Breaux.
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