



# COME, LORD JESUS!

*Spiritual Insights  
Reports  
Formation  
Program Updates*



**October  
Every Thursday  
Memorial Masses for  
the enrollees in the  
CLJ! Memorial Burse**

**October 6th  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**October 13th  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**October 20th  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**October 27th  
Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

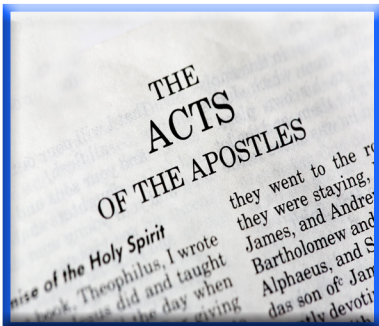
When I read the Acts of the Apostles, I am greatly impressed with the activity and fervor of the first Christians. Receiving the Spirit changed their lives drastically. They became completely God-centered. This profound union filled them with love for one another. They often met together – even daily – to share God’s word and to pray, to have fellowship with one another and to receive the Eucharist. They ate with each other and were a source of support and encouragement for each other in living the life of the Spirit, the very life of Jesus Himself (see Acts 2:42-27). The faith life was a priority in their lives. They lived it to the full. Other things were secondary. They sought first the kingdom of God and stood out and above the rest of humanity. They were transformed by the Spirit whose life they continued to foster – quite the opposite of what seems to prevail in the Church today. The majority seems to say, “Seek this world and its pleasures first. If there’s any time and energy left, give it to God”.

Where can a person go at this age – within the Church – to find the support and spiritual nourishment found by the early Christian community? I believe that the kind of Christian community that is formed through your *Come, Lord Jesus!* group provides the answer to this need. I pray that your group has proven that to you.

But how is it that some groups are on fire and others are not? I believe that depends on the members and the leader. The meeting takes the tone of those who make it up. It’s possible that some go through the steps more as an external procedure, with no spirit to speak of. The members may not be consistent in attendance, not making a firm commitment to placing God and his kingdom first in their lives. If this is happening in your group, it is important that participants see what blocks they have put in God’s way and how they have closed themselves off from Him by selfish pursuits and attachments. God’s grace is available to all who open themselves to the divine presence in their lives, allowing the Holy Spirit to reign and dominate their lives.

May God help each group, each member to realize how the fire of the Spirit needs to be enkindled so they can begin to LIVE. And as happened in the early Church as a result of their ardent faith life, so it will happen to you, to us: “*Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved*” (Acts 2:47). I pray that this will happen to every group.

*Father Conley Bertrand*





## *Growing in Holiness through Love*

It is God's will that we grow in holiness (1 Thes 4:3). We must strive to make greater progress, as we remain at peace with each other and attend to our own affairs (1 Thes 4:10-11). For this reason, every person must be quick to hear and slow to speak, slow to anger. We are to control our tongues (Jms 1:19-20,26). We must not speak ill of one another (Jms 4:11). Should someone stray from the truth, we must make every effort to bring him or her back. In this way we save our own soul from death and cancel a multitude of sins (Jms 5:19). Constant love for one another also covers over many sins (1Pt 4:8).

We are to love one another with the affection of brothers and anticipate each other with respect (Rom 12:10), remembering that Jesus is the first born of many brothers (Rom 8:29). In this matter, we must be fervent in spirit for it is the Lord whom we serve in one another (Rom 12:10). We are meant to be a source of refreshment for one another (Rom 15:32). As temples of God in whom the Spirit of God dwells (1 Cor 3:16) we are to conduct ourselves reverently, loving one another constantly from the heart (1Pt 1:17. 22). We are told to greet one another with a holy kiss or embrace (Rom 16:16; 1 Thes 5:26).

We are the body of Christ and every one of us is a member of it (1 Cor 12:27). Though the body is one, it has many members (1 Cor 12:12). God has set each member of the body in the place he wanted it to be (1Cor 12:18). All the members will be concerned for one another (1 Cor 12:24-25). Being as closely joined to one another as the members of a body, we affect one another keenly. If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members share its joy (1 Cor 12:26).

We owe special respect to those whose task it is to exercise authority over us in the Lord. We must esteem them with the greatest love because of their responsibility in the community. The role of the leader is to admonish the unruly, cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, and be patient toward all. He or she must see to it that no one returns evil to another but rather always seek one another's good (1 Thes 5:12-15). There must be no favoritism shown or allowed (Jms 2:1). The leader must give his or her community a shepherd's care and be an example for the flock, not lording it over those assigned (1 Pt 5:2).

Our *Come, Lord Jesus!* community affords us a marvelous opportunity for love. It brings us face to face with Jesus himself. For didn't he say that often as we love the least of our brothers and sisters, we love him (Mt 25:40) or that when two or three of us are gathered in his name he is in our midst (Mt 18:20)? Our community is the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27). Moreover, our *Come, Lord Jesus!* community and the fellowship it provides draws us into the very life of the Blessed Trinity (1 Jn 1:3). God's inspired word also assures us that if we love one another, God dwells in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us (1 Jn 4:12). Thus, love for members of the Christian community makes divine love grow to perfect maturity. For God is love, and the person who loves remains in God and God in him or her (1 Jn 4:12). And this lovingness is transforming us from glory to glory into the very image of the Lord. (2 Cor 3:18) who is love (1 Jn 4:16).



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## 2024

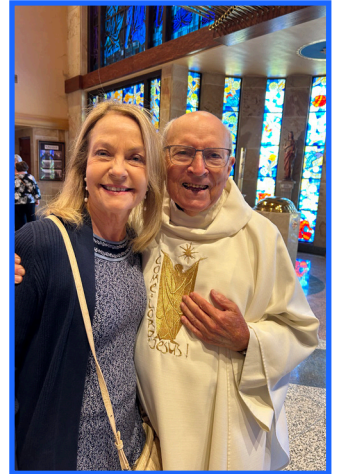
### LEADERS SEMINAR

#### PERSERVERING HOLINESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Capitivating his audience of *Come, Lord Jesus!* leaders, Fr. Alexander Albert delivered a memorable presentation entitled *Perservering Holiness in Everday Life*. Utilizing the acronym P.R.A.Y, he delineated the attributes of Perserverance, Rule of Life, Accompaniment and Yearning as a means of acquiring and maintaining holiness. Giving real life examples, he stressed the Universal Call to Holiness and passionately proclaimed that every Catholic is called to be a Saint.









*Welcome to Come, Lord Jesus!*

*August 2024*  
*Gift Bags Received*  
Thank you for your generosity!

**New Members!**

- Berwick, LA:** Mary Michelle Reggie
- Buda, TX:** Angie Perez
- DeRidder, LA:** Moises Zamora Ramirez,  
Jose Martinez Martinez
- Harvey, LA:** Joanne Jambon
- Morgan City, LA:** Rebecca Conrad, Erin Osburn
- New Iberia, LA:** Barbara Broussard
- New Orleans, LA:** Barbara Jenkins Robinson
- Terrytown, LA:** Norma Hastings, Ann Vo, Tiffany Smith
- Ville Platte, LA:** Anna Fontenot, Mary Trahan
- Forked Island, LA:** Judy Stelly

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| Algiers       | Jeanerette   | Ragley          |
| Baton Rouge   | Jefferson    | Rayne           |
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| Carencro      | Lafayette    | St. Martinville |
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| Delcambre     | Milton       | Vidrine         |
| DeRidder      | Mire         | Ville Platte    |
| Duson         | Morgan City  | Washington      |
| Erath         | Morse        | Welsh           |
| Esther        | Natchez      | Youngsville     |
| Estherwood    | New Iberia   |                 |
| Eunice        | New Orleans  |                 |
| Forked Island | Opelousas    |                 |
| Grand Prairie | Parks        |                 |
| Gretna        | Paulina      |                 |
| Harvey        | Pierre Part  |                 |
| Houma         |              |                 |

**Returning member**

**Buda, TX:** Juanita Rodriguez

*Welcome St. Jude's in  
Baton Rouge, LA*



**AUGUST 27 - SEPT 25, 2024**  
**Memorial Burse Donations**

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Troy James Melancon | James Nikolaus        |
| Susan Patout        | Malise Prevost        |
| Roy Benoit          | Hugh Pierce Champagne |
| John Michael Mertz  | Marguerite Gay Town   |
| Judy Istre Lejeune  | Hilda Orgeron         |

*Orientation of New Groups*



*Leader Training*



## Condolences

To member Sally Comb of Breaux Bridge, LA on the death of her brother, Troy James Melancon.

To member Sharon Dexter of New Iberia, LA on the death of her sister, Claudette Boutte Jackson.

To leader Michael Champagne of Westwego, LA on the death of his father, Hugh Pierce Champagne.

To the members of "Servant of All" in Jennings, LA on the death of their former member, Judy Istre LeJeune.

To member Gloria Landry of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her husband, Mr. Eddie "Lou" LeBlanc.  
Condolences also to his daughter, member Lynette Landry.

To leader Cecilia Blanchard of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her sister, Jeanette Dugas Courville.



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