



COME, LORD JESUS!

NEWSLETTER
February 2025 VOL. CIV NO. 116

*Spiritual Insights
Reports
Formation
Program Updates*

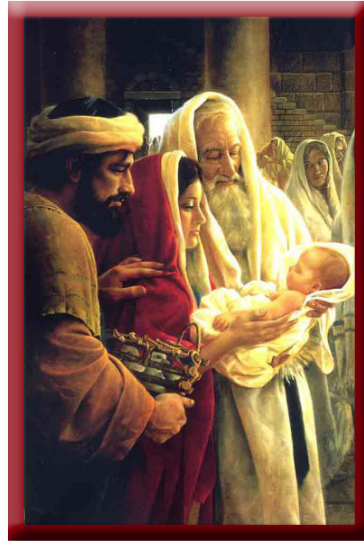
**February
Every Thursday
Memorial Mass
for the enrollees in
CLJ! Memorial Burse**

**February 2
The Presentation
of the Lord**

**February 9
Fifth Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

**February 16
Sixth Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

**February 23
Seventh Sunday of
Ordinary Time**



The Presentation of the Lord

The core of this mystery is the total consecration of this child to the Lord. The presentation is a consecration – a dedication and total gift of this child to God – nothing left for self. Everything about this child is for God – his whole being and activity is for God. He is a gift from God and must be given back to God. From now on, his whole life is for God. Isn't that beautiful? Isn't that the way our lives should be – a total gift to God?

Wouldn't it be beautiful if the moment we open our eyes in consciousness we would give ourselves over in total self-gift and consecration to God? Our whole day would be lived out in this self-gift to God in return for his gift of existence to ourselves...

What a beautiful way for us to live out this mystery of the Presentation – even moment by moment. It would take a special grace for this to happen. We would need to fling ourselves on God in prayer at the beginning of each day so God could take hold of us in total possession. In this way his

Holy Spirit could move our every breath and heartbeat and action toward love for God and those we live or associate with. Wouldn't this be a heavenly life? That seems to be the kind of life that Simeon lived. He was living for God and awaited the messianic age, "*the consolation of Israel*" – the time where God's anointed one would pour out upon the world God's own Holy Spirit. He would sanctify all who were open to receive him. He would enable them to live holy and godly lives – totally dedicated to God.

God had revealed to Simeon that he would get to see the anointed one – the Messiah – before he died. This was the blessed moment that Simeon had been waiting for – the Holy Spirit enlightened him to realize that this child, Jesus, was surely God's anointed one! The glory of God shined through his human features: the light in his eyes, the glow of his smile, the radiance of his whole being! Filled with ecstatic joy, he broke out in thanksgiving and praise of God. "*Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles – [the nations], and glory for your people Israel.*"

Please join us for our

Come, Lord Jesus!
Annual Conference
March 15th 2025
Registration on pg 3

Father Conley Bertrand

I Consecrate Myself to You, Lord

Lord, Jesus Christ, I come to you, inspired by your invitation, "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water'" (**Jn 7:37-38**).

I thirst for these living waters that flow from your divine heart, Lord Jesus.

I have experienced human life and know that it falls miserably short of satisfying all of my longings. I have come to see that nothing less than your divinity can satisfy my unfilled desires.

I wish to consecrate myself entirely to you, Lord Jesus.

I have tasted enough of you and your divinity to realize that only you, my Lord, can fulfill my infinite need for love and personal fulfillment.

You have proven your love for me beyond all doubt by your suffering and death on the cross. You loved me even when I strayed away from you. I was spiritually dead, and you brought me back to life.

You were glorified even in your human nature so you could share that glory with me.

*When I was baptized, I was plunged into an intimate union with you. I began to live in you and you in me (**Rom 6:3; Jn 14:20**).*

*You come to me and give yourself to me again and again at every Mass during Holy Communion. As you live by the Father, so I, too, may live by the same divine life that you receive from him (**Jn 6:57**).*

I can increase that divine life by receiving you daily at every Mass.

Every time I receive you fervently in Holy Communion, you wipe away every one of my petty sins and make my soul clean again.

If I have the misfortune of committing a serious sin, you make yourself available in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – not only do you take that sin away, but you strengthen me against any future falls; and you make me grow in humility and in a childlike dependence on you.

*So, Lord, thanks to your infinite patience and loving mercy, you make me grow in leaps and bounds. Nothing can thus separate me from your love (**Rom 8:38-39**).*

Lapses only make me appreciate you and love you all the more.

The sweetness of your divine love draws and impels me toward you, Lord Jesus. I pray that you will confirm me in this grace, in this desire to be absolutely faithful to you. I wish to commit myself anew to you, my divine Lord.

Please! Never let me be separated from you! Strengthen me. Bind me to you definitively – so much so, that I will remain inextricably bound to you until the day you take me to be with you forever. You are my all, O Jesus!

*I want to live in your holy presence. I desire to live in continuous interpersonal communion with you, my merciful and gentle Lord. Even in necessary occupations and diversions, I desire to be like the bride in the canticle whose heart kept vigil for you (**Sg 5:2**).*

It is only by your abundant grace that I can come near to carry out this desire. I love you, Lord! Please help me to love you as much as you deserve.

I am confident that my commitment to the Come, Lord Jesus! Program will help me remain faithful to you.

I need and embrace the holy discipline that the program exerts over its members:

- to read and meditate on Sacred Scripture
- to be sanctified by the holy fellowship
- to center my life on you, Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist
- to live in continuous prayerful communion with you.

I beg your blessing, Lord, so that in this way my commitment and love for you will grow stronger and help me fulfill your will for my life. Amen.

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



Keynote Speaker - Father Clinton Sensat

When: Saturday March 15, 2025

8:30 – 12:00

Where: St. Mary Catholic Church

419 Doucet Road

Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

Topic: Becoming Children of the Mother of the Word

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

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Phone () _____

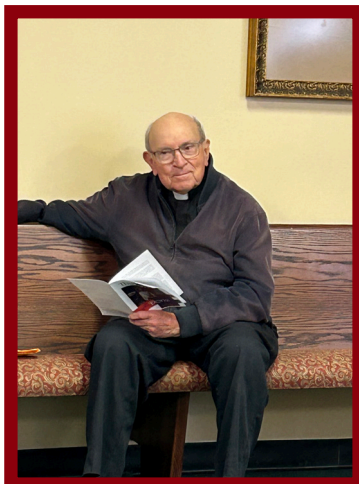
There is no fee, but registration is required by March 5th 2025 so that we may plan accordingly.

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

Lafayette Leaders' Spiritual Formation



Area Coordinators' Gathering Diocese of Lafayette





NEW MEMBERS:

- Coteau, LA:** Karen Comeaux
- Gretna, LA:** Elaine Weber
- Harvey, LA:** Bonnie Murphy
- Jennings, LA:** Martha Hoag, Brenda Oliver
- Lafayette, LA:** Brenda Gremillion, Melodye Hebert
- Lake Charles, LA:** Belinda Graham, Dianne Murphy
- New Iberia, LA:** Nanette Dartez
- Opelousas LA:** Pamela Hooks
- Paulina, LA:** John K. Abreo
- Youngsville, LA:** Ann Guillotte, Randy Guillotte

NEW GROUP:

Kenner, LA: Linda C Walker... *Temporary Leader*
 Flo Nagle, Susan Hedrick, Michele Orr,
 David and Bonnie Aucoin, Gloria Jean Capiton
 Marsha Loats, Shyrlene Oubre

December 2024
With Sincere Gratitude!
Gift Bags Received

Abbeville	Iota	Paulina
Algiers	Jeanerette	Pierre Part
Bayou Vista	Jefferson	Plaisance
Bell City	Jennings	Prairie Ronde
Broussard	Judice	Rayne
Buda TX	Kenner	Richard
Cankton	Kinder	River Ridge
Cecilia	Lacombe	Schriever
Church Point	Lafayette	Slidell
Coteau	Lake Charles	St. Amant
Delcambre	Lawtel	St. Martinville
DeRidder	Maurice	Terrytown
Duson	Metairie	Ville Platte
Erath	Milton	Washington
Esther	Mire	Welsh
Forked Island	Morgan City	Youngsville
Franklin	Natchez	
Grand Prairie	New Iberia	
Gretna	New Orleans	
Harvey	Oberlin	
Houma	Patterson	

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20, 2025
Memorial Burse Donations

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lowell Bacas | Tiger Bech |
| George Blanchard | Olive Bodin |
| Carleen Bellard Hidalgo | Timothy Jones |
| Keith Krogsgard | Thelma Melancon |
| James Ivy "Lurch" Ray | Emma Savoie |
| Marcy Simoneaux | Dianne Elizabeth Touchet |
| Delaney Toups | Dennis Turpin |

Outreach Campaign / Divine Mercy / Kenner



Condolences

To member Laura Toups of Slidell, LA on the death of her husband, Delaney Toups.

To member Vern Scott of Covington, LA on the death of her sister, Emma Savoie.

To member Kathy Ray of Lafayette, LA on the death of her husband, James Ivy "Lurch" Ray.

To member Sally Comb of Breaux Bridge, LA on the death of her mother, Thelma Melancon.

To the members of "Gathered Together In My Name" from Lafayette, LA on the death of their member, Pyyllis Bouchereau.

To leader Laurie Lee Domingue of Abbeville, LA on the death of her sister, Dianne Elizabeth Touchet.

To member Arleen Bodin of Jeanerette, LA on the death of her mother-in-law, Olive Bodin.

To member Margie Cedotal of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her son-in-law, Joseph Carbonell.

To members Roland and Janice Pintado Pierre Part, LA on the death of their sister, Nobie Pintado Landry.

To member Tessa Aucoin of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her aunt and uncle, Janet Richard and Newton Aucoin.

To members Sharon Blanchard, Linda Gaudet, and Beverly Mabile on the death of their uncle, Norris Dupuis.

To leader Stephanie Buchholz of Lafayette, LA on death of her father -in-law, David Buchholz.

To the members of "A Voice Crying in the Desert" from Ville Platte, LA on the death of their member, Elaine Latour.

To Diocesan Coordinator and group leader Patrice Williams of Broussard, LA on the death of her mother, Dolores Dugas.

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Lafayette, LA
Permit No. 729

Come, Lord Jesus!
1804 West University
Lafayette, LA 70506-2544