

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 2
*8th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

March 5
Ash Wednesday

March 8
1st Sunday of Lent

March 16
2nd Sunday of Lent

March 23
3rd Sunday of Lent

March 30
4th Sunday of Lent



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***Come, Lord Jesus!
Annual Conference!
March 15th***



My Kingdom is Not of This World

Jesus began his New Creation, the Kingdom of God on earth, by choosing and calling twelve men to be with him. He chose them out of the world so he could form them into his likeness. For that purpose, he indoctrinated them with his inspired divine word and its creative power to transform them. Jesus prayed to his Father to consecrate them in the truth by the power of his word (Jn 17:17). He also said that he would consecrate them in the truth by consecrating himself for them through his self-sacrifice on the cross (Jn 17:19). For this purpose, Jesus was careful to separate his followers from the world. As Jesus put it, *"They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world"* (Jn 17:16). *"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world"* (Jn 17:6).

The fact that Jesus took these men out of the world unto himself so he could form them away from the world is significant. John, the disciple most loved by Jesus, made this very clear in his inspired writing. He explained the meaning of the world in its pejorative or bad sense.

He wrote quite specifically: *"Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him"* (1 Jn 2:15). Isn't this a striking statement? *"If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."* Then he explains what is so evil about the world: *"For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world"* (1 Jn 2:16). The Beloved Disciple goes on to explain how the devil uses this world to dominate people and keep them under the power of sin. He says, *"We know that we [who have separated ourselves from the evil influence of the world] belong to God, and the whole world is under the power of the evil one"* (1 Jn 5:19). In other words, the devil uses this world and the good things that God created to seduce people away from God by stirring up a disordered desire for them. Thus, their passions and their pride influence them to disobey God and choose the beautiful and attractive things he created instead of choosing him.

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We can see why, therefore, that Jesus calls his followers, his disciples, away from the world and its influence so they can set themselves apart from it to consecrate themselves to God through his Anointed One, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The inspired words of the beloved disciple keep on echoing in our minds: *“Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him”* (1Jn 2:15). We must, therefore, take his word very seriously and guard against the world we live in. Television and the computer bring that world right into our homes. This makes it very difficult to escape the world. Some have the grace to forbid these from entry into their homes. Beware! Use them with prayer and care.

Vigilance and discipline are imperative needs to keep the world out of a small faith community such as Jesus had and those like his such as *Come, Lord Jesus!*. Entry of the world into such a group can be its ruination and disintegration. Is this why whole regions and countries have lost the faith? Even areas that at one time were so strong in the faith have lost it. They no longer acknowledge God or worship him. How did this happen? I believe that the parable of the sower explains it. *“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit”* (Mt 13:22). The word and its effectiveness is nullified by worldly anxiety and the lure of riches: (Mt 12:22). To these St. Luke adds the *“pleasures of life”* (Lk 8:14). The challenge of following Jesus and his word requires vigilance and a holy discipline to prevent the world from creeping into a small faith community as well as the Church at large. Even Jesus’ small band experienced it. Judas’ love for money incapacitated him to receive Jesus’ message (Jn 11:6). Therefore, he rejected Jesus and his word. He fell away from the faith. We must not be surprised if we see some of Jesus’ ministers become worldly. We must pray for them rather

than reject Jesus and his church because of their bad example – just as we do not reject Jesus and his message because one of his disciples was unfaithful. It is possible for anyone – even one of Jesus’ close followers – to be contaminated by the world. We, too, must be very careful and avoid allowing it to sneak into our hearts, into our homes and ruin us or some of the members of our family or *Come, Lord Jesus!* group.

1 John 2:15

Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him.

The Kingdom of God is a spiritual reality – *“God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth”* (Jn 4:24). We must be living on the level of spirit to be able to enjoy the spiritual riches of the Kingdom. Living worldly lives on the level of the flesh and the senses makes us indisposed to savor and enjoy the Spiritual Kingdom. St. Paul expressed it this way: *“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God...Now, the natural person does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually”* (1Cor 2:12,14). The worldling whose life is dominated by the disordered desires of the flesh is incapable of knowing the realities that pertain to the spiritual world. This state of theirs may cause them to reject even the existence of God. The believer who lives a spirit-dominant life lives in communion with God. His spiritual powers, the theological virtues, perfected by the gifts of the Holy Spirit enable him to know God and walk in his presence •

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Emily Warren, Lee Warren, Matthew Savoy,
Leah Savoy

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Scott, LA: Mary Anderson

Sulphur, LA: Chelsea Guillory

Ville Platte, LA: Donna Vidrine

Washington, LA: Brenda Fisher

Returning Members

Abbeville, LA: Mary Jones

Lafayette, LA: Peggy Blanchard

Ragley, LA: Drue Lannin

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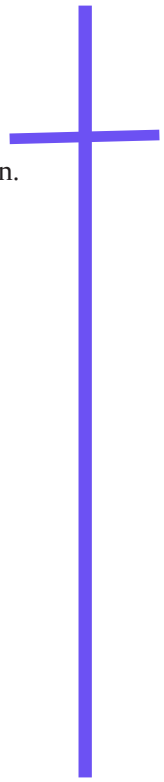
Condolences

- To member Darilyn Ardoin of Lake Charles, LA on the death of her brother, Whitney Ray Ardoin.
- To member Debra Rouillier of Paulina, LA on the death of her son, William "Billy" Rouillier.
- To the members of "A Time to Plant" group in Westwego, LA on the death of their member, Donna Martin.
- To member Theresa Goode of Mittie, LA on the death of her husband, Don Goode.
- To the members of the group at Wynhoven Nursing Home in Marrero, LA on the death of members Karen Firmin and Barbara Royal.
- To member Barbara Thomas of Broussard, LA on the death of her brother, Anenol Paul Domingue, Jr.
- To leader Rebecca Moss of Abbeville, LA on the death of her husband, Eric Moss.
- To member Pat Colbert-Cormier of Lafayette, LA on the death of her brother, Royal Leon Colbert, Sr.

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