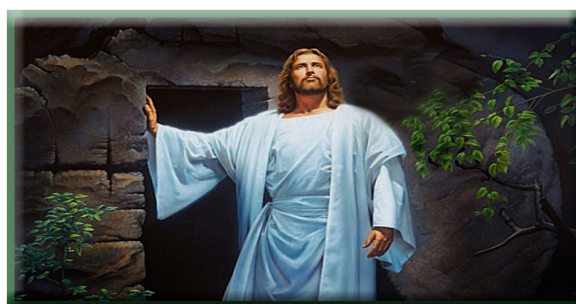




COME, LORD JESUS!

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

**April 6
Fifth Sunday of
Lent**

**April 13
Palm Sunday**

**April 18
Passion of the Lord
Good Friday**

**April 20
Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the
Lord**

**April 27
Second Sunday
of Easter**



Devotion to Our Risen Lord

Easter presents us with the marvelous event of God's saving grace – not only something that happened in the past, but as a glorious reality that is fully, personally present to us in the risen Jesus. We, his holy followers, are to live the life of the resurrection. We are to know the glory beyond price which this mystery brings. Devotion to our risen Lord is a life of complete surrender. We hunger and thirst for our risen Lord and his holiness (Mt 5:6), as we seek him (Sg: 3:1) with our whole heart (Deut 4:29).

Jesus is the source of God's own Spirit of holiness for which we crave (Jn 7:37-39). He satisfies our thirst (Jn 4:10 -14) for infinite life both in himself (Jn 7:37), and through his word (Jn 3:34) and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (John 6:35; 51-58). It is through Jesus and the Spirit he gives, that God communicates himself. We must get to know him. He is the reflection of the Father's glory (Heb 4:12). In him the fullness of the deity resides in bodily form (Col 2:9). *"There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name in the whole world given to men by which we are to be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

It is supremely important, therefore, that you **make JESUS the center of your life** and the object of your thirst and search. Seek to live in him, to root yourself in him (Col 2:6-7).

Make him your wealth – for compared to him everything else is rubbish (Phil 3:7-10). Get to know him and everything that has been revealed about him (2 Cor 4:6; Jn 20: 30-31). In this way you will be drawn to him and desire to follow him wherever he goes or leads you – even if it involves inconvenience (Lk 9:57-59). You will have the courage to part with company that courts death (Lk 9:60).

Live in union with him (Jn 15: 4-5; Col 2:6). Keep him company (Jn 1:38-39); observe him carefully (Jn 1:29) – you will be drawn to imitate him (1 Cor 11:1; Jn 13: 15-17). Notice his compassion (Mk 6:34; Mt: 20:34), and his obedience (Lk 2:51; Mt 3:15; Lk 22:42). See how affectionate he was (Jn 13:23; Mk 10:16), and how he loved his friends (Lk 10:38-39; Jn 11: 1-5; Lk 9: 28; Mk 14: 32-33). Consider how he loved others (J n 18:8; Mk 6:37; Lk 23: 34-43), especially the poor (Lk 4:18; Mk 10:21). These are just a few of the admirable qualities in Jesus you will discover for yourself as you page through the Gospels and contemplate him with love.

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If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth.

COL. 3:1-2

Entrust yourself to him. Through this surrender he will change and form you into a new creature (2 Cor 5:17; Rev 21:5). Jesus will do for you what he did for Paul (Acts 9:1-19) who was changed from an angry persecutor of others (Acts 8:1-3) to become their humble and loving servant (1 Cor 9:19; 2 Cor 12:15). Just as Jesus changed the sinful woman's disordered passion into true devotion and holy love (Lk 7:36-50) so will he transform your own unbridled desires. Jesus will do for you what he did for Zacchaeus (Lk 19: 1-10) and Levi (Mk 2: 13-14) – He freed them from their obsession for money and rendered them his generous followers, eager to share with the poor. Similarly, as Jesus broke Satan's hold on the restless and raving demoniac and turned him into a modest and gentle witness of his mercy (Mk 5: 1-20) so too will he give you true peace and self-control. Jesus cured all those afflicted with various diseases and racked with pain (Mt 4:24) or calmed the stormy winds and turbulent seas (Mk 4:37-41) as a sign of the power for salvation available to all of us in him. There is no obstacle, however great and obstinate, such as our deep-seated selfishness, that our Savior cannot overcome!

As you devote yourself to the risen Jesus and center your life on him, he in turn will reveal himself to you (Jn 14:22-24; 15:15). You will experience the same kind of personal intimacy that the saints were privileged to have with him (Jn 10:14; Phil 3:10; Eph 1:17-21; 3: 16-19). More and more you will find yourself living his life (Phil 1:21; Gal 2:20), sharing his attitudes (Phil 2:5). You will become one with him – his special companion – and live in his presence (Jn 14:19-20). You will live in his love (Jn 15: 9-10) and come to know the perfect joy of living in communion with him (Jn 15:11). But you will also be given a share in his trials and sorrows (Jn 19:25; 2 Cor 2:4; 11, 24-28) and called upon to give your life – to sacrifice yourself and all you have – for love. What a moment of triumph for Jesus and his saving grace!

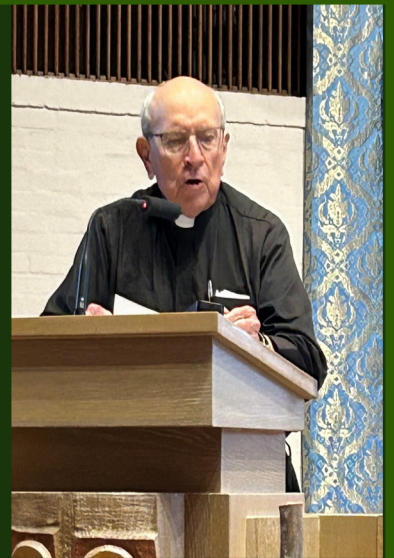
Happy Easter time! Jesus is risen and with us forever -Alleluia! May this joyous, eternal life become an ever-greater lived reality in each of us!

Father Conley Bertrand

Celebrating 49 Years of Come, Lord Jesus!



During our Annual Conference, a special group was recognized as being Come, Lord Jesus! longest-running group. On the 1st of November, 1976 in Broussard Louisiana, this Come, Lord Jesus! group, "Hope in Abundance" was formed. For 49 years, that's over 2,556 weeks, "Hope in Abundance" has gathered together to understand, share, and live out their faith. Congratulations to Joyce Melancon who served as leader, and her group members who serve as a model of steadfastness, faithfulness and devotion to our Lord and Savior!



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*Celebrando cinco años de ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!
Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón
Church Point, LA*



Testimony



My name is Jacqueline Proaño, and I am part of the Come, Lord Jesus! “Beloved” group. This Sunday, with the account of The Transfiguration, is our 1-year anniversary.

I love this reading –The Transfiguration – the close circle of friends meeting on the mountain to pray, experiencing the divine, not staying there forever...but being strengthened by the experience for the trial ahead...a foreshadow of glory to come later.

I think of our group as a small instance of that...a close group of friends, climbing the mountain together to pray and experience time with our Lord to be strengthened for the mission ahead.

Most of us in my group are in the same season. We are raising young children. We meet online. We quickly realize, like the disciples, that we cannot stay on the mountain as we are frequently interrupted by kids literally crawling all over us or having to excuse ourselves to quickly help or discipline our children and get back to our mountain. In our time together we are strengthened for this challenging but very special season to help us on our mission to lead the next generation in the faith.

I honestly don’t know how I could handle this season within my inner circle and our time together.

Throughout this year, I’ve been surprised at how my ideas of God have shifted. I’ve realized that some of my ideas of Christ were just that – MY ideas. I’ve come to learn more of Christ as he is presented in scripture. I’ve felt more connected to the Church, more confident in my faith, and more secure that the questions I have – have good answers.

We’ve really only just started our journey together and I hope that Come, Lord Jesus! will continue to be a part of our journey for this season and the ones to come.

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Marcia Marsh, Mary Murphy, Ana Terhoeve

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Rachel Rogers

Broussard, LA: Gail Daigre, Todd LeBlanc, Alecia LeBlanc

Buda, TX: Marie Rebecca Pille

Carlyss, LA: Patricia Sonnier

Church Point, LA: Valerie Clayton, Brooke Carrier,
Dana Olivier

Crowley, LA: Peggy Bergeaux

Dalhart, TX: Barbie Daniels

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Ron Hebert, Kathy Hebert

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Harvey, LA: Linda Ocmand

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Lafayette, LA: Peggy Voorhies, Yvette Hanks, Madlyn Juneau,
Barbara Thibodeaux, Jamie Cormier

Metairie, LA: Marie Hansonkamph

Mire, LA: Nicole Broussard, Troy & Jodi Arnold, Drew Dogay

New Iberia, LA: Latoya Allen

New Orleans, LA: Ann Forshag

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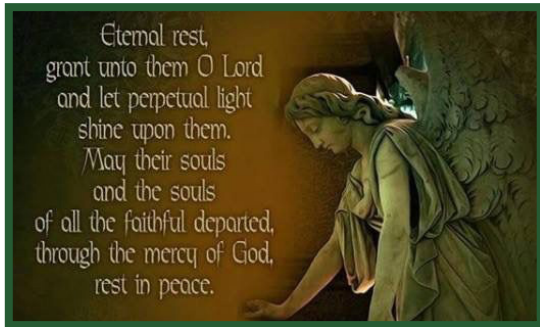
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To member Mark Mallett of Carencro, LA on the death of his brother-in-law, Eugene Broussard.

To member Fonda Launey of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her mother, Bertha Morein.

To member Priscilla Collins of Lake Charles, LA on the death of her father, Jimmie Stoute.

To member Maureen DuBois of New Iberia, LA on the death of sister, Karen Cooper.

To the members of "Here I Am, Send Me" group in Dry Creek, LA on the death of their member, Agnes Young.

To the members of the Light from Light group in Metairie, LA on the death of their member, Yvonne Morise.

To member Wendy Hebert of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her father, Charles Templet, Sr.

To leader Peggy Jean Batiste from New Iberia, LA on the death of her mother, Mary Louise Henry.

To members of "Inspired By God" group in Coteau, LA on the death of their member, Alicia Poirier.

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