



Come, Lord Jesus!

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Come, Holy Spirit!

June

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

*June 1
The Ascension of
the Lord*

*June 8
Pentecost Sunday*

*June 15
The Most Holy Trinity*

*June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ*

*June 29
Saints Peter and
Paul, Apostles*

The Holy Spirit is the personal love exchange between the Father and the Son. But God's love is not a selfish love – he does not keep it to himself – he reaches out to us in creation and redemption. The intimate love-life of the Triune God becomes a gift to us in the Holy Spirit. He is God's personal expression of self-gift in love.

God unites and gives himself to us in the Holy Spirit, that is, in communion with the Holy Spirit; for the Spirit is the mutual love between the Father and the Son. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we also receive the Father and the Son who breathe him forth.

The Spirit's role is to bring us into communion with God: to unite us to God so we can relate to him interpersonally. The Holy Spirit puts us in touch with God; he connects us to God. He fills the infinite distance between us and God. The Spirit makes God present to us and makes us present to God. It is his action that enables us to experience God in prayer or in the Eucharist. He accomplishes this through actual and sanctifying grace.

It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the experience of God through reading or hearing his inspired Word. He accomplishes this by stirring up the gifts and fruits of the Spirit.

An example of this comforting experience is seen when Jesus explained the Scriptures to the two dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus: "*Were not our hearts burning [within us]*" they said, "*while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?*" (Lk 24:32). The disciples were completely renewed by this experience and returned to join the other disciples in Jerusalem. We see here the value of using the Word of God when we go to prayer to awaken the Spirit within us.

Similarly, the Holy Spirit directs us toward the search for truth. He inspires us to thirst for God who is truth: "*But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth*" (Jn 16:13). Jesus explained, "*Your word is truth*" (Jn 17:17). "*The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you*" (Jn 14:26). Here we see the importance of reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures so that through it the Holy Spirit can help us assimilate the truth and bring us into communion with God.

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God's eternal Word, his Son, needs to be expressed and revealed by the Holy Spirit. In that sense, the Holy Spirit can be called the mouth of God. Otherwise, the Word of God cannot be known or understood. Remember, in all works outside the Trinity all three persons are involved; they are inseparable. It is always through the Spirit that the Father and the Son reach us.

The Holy Spirit prepares our hearts for listening. He makes our hearts capable and desirous of welcoming the Word. He stirs our hearts with interior knowledge of God. He enables us to make an act of faith. He elevates us to know that Jesus is divine. Faith is the Spirit's gift to us. He illuminates the revelation about God given us by Jesus. For example, it is due to the Spirit's light that we can say with faith, "*Jesus is Lord,*" (1 Cor 12:3) that is, God. Faith is the testimony of God revealing himself in the Holy Spirit. "Whoever believes in the Son of God has this testimony within himself" (1 Jn 5:10).

It is the task of the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to us and make him present. This revelation ranges from simple faith by a person in sanctifying grace to the enlightened faith of one who dwells in the heights of mystical union. Any understanding that we may have of God is a gift of the Holy Spirit. He is always the one who enlightens our understanding. The Holy Spirit continually instructs us to the extent that each of us is capable of understanding spiritual things. The more spiritual we become through detachment from all that is not of God the more apt we are to be enlightened.



The Spirit also ignites an increasingly more vital desire for God in our hearts. This desire for God grows to the extent of our love. The love of others is a sure way of self-forgetfulness and detachment from selfish living. It is not surprising then that St. John can say, "*No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us*" (1 Jn 4:12). Desire for God and divine love increase as we grow in selfless love.

Each person is not really free unless he is living in communion with God. Human nature in itself is confined to its own narrow limits: of thinking, willing, feeling and acting. But when we live in communion with God, we enter into the limitless spaces of divinity. Our human existence was meant to be enveloped and plunged in divine love. There, in the Spirit through whom God communicates himself, we enjoy the highest freedom by extending our narrow human limits to the infinite depths of divine knowledge and love. The Spirit is our resting place there and the interpreter of this hope inscribed in the depths of our heart. The Holy Spirit draws us by spiritual instinct to the depths of God to which we are inclined by grace.

If human beings live spiritual lives, in and according to God, they will come to realize who they really are as children of God, and expand their human, limited existence beyond themselves to the unlimited depths of God who already, in this life, is leading people to live the eternal life.

United to God as we are, the Spirit directs us to the fullness of human and Christian maturity in our relationship with God. We no longer live according to the flesh, the disordered promptings of our lower nature, but are led by the Spirit of God; we are really sons and daughters of God in the image of the only Son who is the image of the Father. We are in perfect accord with the Father; we reflect the divine being in our behavior; we image God.

Father Conley Bertrand



Anniversary Mass



Spiritual Formation - Cecilia, LA



Spiritual Formation - Ville Platte, LA



Welcome New Members!

Abbeville LA: Rhonda Vallot-Baneff,
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Hubert Richard

Breaux Bridge, LA: Gereline Frederick

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Houston, TX: (via Zoom) Dannette Barros

Iota, LA: Leonard LeJeune

Lake Charles, LA: Jill Bergeron, Irene McGee,
Carol Norwood

Maurice, LA: Stephanie Trahan, Gerry Picard LeBlanc

Scott, LA: Debbie Broussard, Maurice Broussard

Ville Platte, LA: Barbara Bayard

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New Groups

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Jamie Hebert, Anita Fontenot

Henderson, LA: Kathleen Clark - **Leader**
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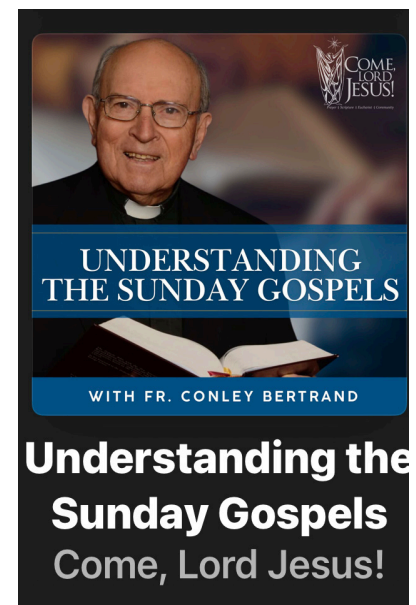
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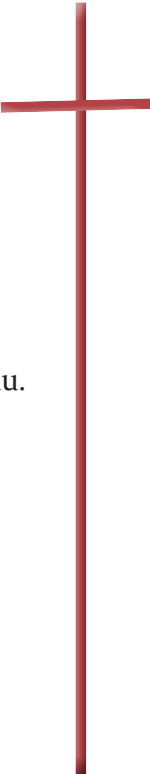
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- To the members of “Behold the Lamb of God” group in Lafayette, LA on the death of their member, Muriel “Tee” Wyble.
- To leader Susan Fontenot of Cankton, LA on the death of her brother-in-law, Phillip Cron.
- To member Sandy McClelland of Franklin, LA on the death of her mother, Carina “Tante Sue” Vasseur.
- To the members of “Let Your Light Shine” in Pierre Part, LA on the death of their member, Billy Gautreau.
- To the members of “Love Never Fails” in Washington, LA on the death of their member, Ethel Landreneau.
- To member Cecile Dupre of Opelousas, LA on the death of her husband, John Dupre.

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