

Come, Lord Jesus!

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

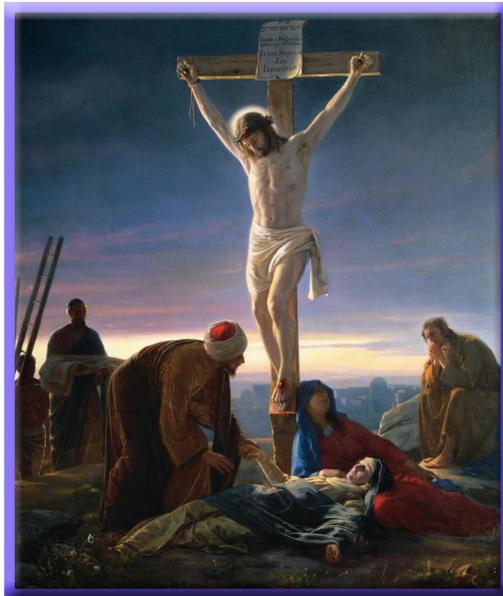
February 1
4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 8
5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 15
6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 18
Ash Wednesday

February 22
1st Sunday of Lent



In this we have come to know his love, that he laid down his life for us” (1 John 3:16).

Jesus, our great lover, loved us completely, without fail from the beginning. In total selflessness he left the glory he was endowed with as Son of God to take on our lowly human condition – out of love for us. His whole life, from beginning to end, from conception and birth to suffering and death, was to live the human condition the correct way – to please God and be perfected and prepared to enter into glory. Everything was for love of us. “*God is love*” (1 Jn 4:16) and every act of Jesus’ existence was for love of his Father and for us. Jesus’ washing of his disciples’ feet symbolized what his whole life was about: his servant-love, in deep humility and selfless love for us. It also demonstrated the extremes of his gift to us in the redemptive suffering and death that he endured for us through crucifixion. “*No one has greater love than this...!*” (Jn 15:13).

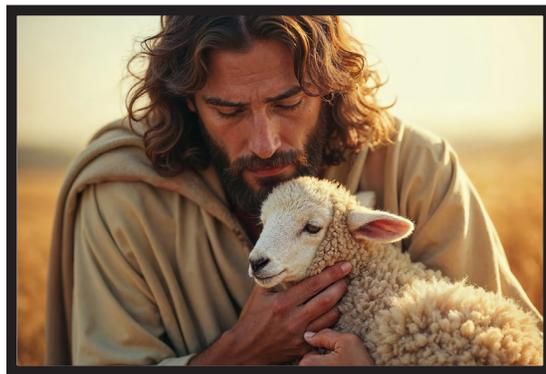
We, in turn, are called to reciprocate this continuous love. But how can we, plagued as we are and fraught with so much weakness? Human nature is heavily inclined towards the least resistance to sin. It is so easy to slip into it. We have a wounded, weakened, sinfully inclined human nature. Jesus put it this way to Peter: “*Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak*” (Mk 14:38).

Happily, our merciful Lord Jesus understands our human nature very well, so he treats our falls with delicacy. We make mistakes, we fall into sin as human weakness expresses itself. But this is not truly who we are – normally we are truly graced people who live in loving communion with the Lord. But we slip and fall! Our habitual loving union with the Lord causes us to immediately bounce up and out of our fall in great regret. Our continuous grieving over our mishap gradually purifies us and we’re back to our normal faithful communion with the Lord. And if our retraction is expressed with more fervor and sincerity than our previous disposition, our new state of grace is even richer than before. This helps us to understand how merciful and loving our Lord is toward us in our weakness. This would encourage us to want to serve him with gladness and strive to be more faithful than ever.

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JOEL 2:12 ESV



The Shepherd's Heart

Our failures must not be allowed to discourage us – they are not who we really are. Our habitual disposition is to be faithful followers of Jesus. Our immediate repentance and sorrowful amendment is proof of that!

As we strive to please the Lord in our lives, sometimes we may wonder where to go from here. It is consoling to remember Psalm 23: *“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name”* (Ps 23:1-3).

Through our spiritual organism with its supernatural powers and gifts, the Holy Spirit, as by a spiritual instinct, enlightens us and leads us. Jesus said, *“He will guide you to all truth”* (Jn 6:12). When in need, we simply have to ask for his guidance. He constantly guides us even without our noticing it.

A Serious Prayer Life

In order to live in continuous communion with God, it is necessary that we commit ourselves to a serious prayer life accompanied by a holy self-discipline. Prayer is the source of spiritual power to maintain purity of heart so that we are habitually able to do God's will and allow nothing to come between us and him. Without a serious prayer life, one will not progress very far in the spiritual life and union with God. This would usually require early rising and spending time in quiet solitude listening and speaking with our risen Lord Jesus with the help of his inspired word.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we struggle to overcome sin in our lives, it is extremely valuable to frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is significant to realize that the first thing Jesus did when he appeared to his apostles was to give them the power to forgive sins. Having greeted them with *“Peace be with*

you”, he showed them the wounds in his hands and side that all the sins committed against him had torn. Then he breathed upon them and said, *“Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and those sins you retain are retained”* (Jn 20:22-23). Jesus' suffering and death to redeem us from sin are applied in forgiveness through this Sacrament of Reconciliation that Jesus left with the apostles for his Church founded on Peter (Mt 16:18). How blessed we are to have free access to this visible point of contact with our risen, glorified and merciful Savior. Through it, not only are our sins forgiven, but we are given the grace to overcome the specific sins that we are struggling against. That is how we gradually overcome our moral weaknesses.

The Holy Eucharist

Another source of power to overcome our moral weaknesses is the Holy Eucharist. Effort must be expended to receive it more often. Just as we need to eat food to maintain our energy level on a natural plane, so Jesus gave us his glorified body as our spiritual nourishment to maintain our spiritual energy. He said, *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world”* (Jn 6:51). He went on to say, *“unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you”* (Jn 6:53).

We must cherish this stupendously great mystery which puts us in direct contact with our glorious Lord Jesus. It is a privilege we must not take for granted and receive it as often as possible for our spiritual transformation – for we become like the One we eat! And our weakness is gradually strengthened unto perfect fidelity to the One who loves us.

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Prayer † Scripture † Eucharist † Community

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Baton Rouge, LA: Angie Landry
Broussard, LA: John Broussard, Charlene Broussard
Church Point, LA: Paige Boone, Brook Vidrine
Dalhart, TX: Cecilia Gomez, Kathy Porter
DeRidder, LA: John Scott Keeling
Grand Coteau, LA: Shannon Miller
Gretna, LA: Terry Fernandez
Kenner, LA: Ana M. Mason
Lafayette, LA: Cynthia Courville, Jackie Maggio,
 Beth Pellessier, Julie Pilgrim, Kathy Stanley
Mire, LA: Lynda Cavalier
New Orleans, LA: Susan Selle

NEW GROUPS

CENTERVILLE, LA: *Madalyn Luke ... Leader*
 Nancy Dumesnil, Trudy Andrews, Malinda Yoshida,
 Lydia Curry, Evelyn Ortego, Ruth Ortego,
 Beth Bevil, Judy Luke, Debbie Deslatte,
 Kitty Mendoza, Emie Comeaux, Mallory Harmon,
 Sue Lajaunie, Lecia Verrette.

Thibodaux, LA: *Pam Folse ... Leader*
 Jane Block, Carolyn Boudreaux, Claudette Caldwell,
 Donna Duplechain, Beth Folse, Barbara Gauthier,
 Allene Green, Kathleen Gros, Danette Hebert,
 Carolyn James, Loretta Lirette.

ATTENTION LEADERS!

Please help us to keep our database accurate. 2026 Update sheets were recently mailed to you. Please check with your group and make any corrections or additions and return sheets to the office by **February 17, 2026. Thank you!**



December 2025 Gift Bags Received

Luke 6:38

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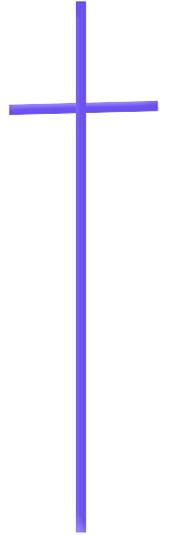


Rooted in the spirit of ENCOURAGEMENT, outreach teams gathered to reignite and renew our shared commitment to expanding Come, Lord Jesus! across communities. Is God calling you to join a team in your diocese?



Condolences February 2026

- To the members of "Filled With the Spirit" group in Ragley, LA on the death of their member, Pat Fuselier.
- To member Jordan Kish of Gretna, LA on the death of his father, Joseph Kish.
- To member Kayley Kish of Gretna, LA on the death of her father, Bruce Matthews.
- To the members of "Crown of Twelve Stars" group in Mire, LA on the death of their member, Robert Labbe, Jr.
- To the members of "Witness" group in Lake Charles, LA on the death of their member, Linda Breaux.
- To member Lisa Deculus of Lake Charles, LA on the death of her mother, Felicite Espree.
- To member Bonnie Smith of Carencro, LA on the death of her sister-in-law, Jo Ann L. LeBlanc.



Memorial Burse Donations DECEMBER 25, 2025 - JANUARY 21, 2026

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