



COME, LORD JESUS!

*Spiritual Insights
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July
Every Thursday
Memorial Masses for
the enrollees in the
CLJ! Memorial Burse

Seeking GOD

July 5th
14th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

July 12th
15th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

July 19th
16th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

July 26th
17th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Our desire for God, which is a thirst of the soul, expresses itself in longing for him. This desire should move us to seek God. Scripture says, “You shall seek the Lord, your God; and you shall indeed find him when you search after him with your whole heart and your whole soul” (Deut 4:29).

Here we see the **importance** of seeking God and not withholding anything of ourselves from him. God’s word also says, “If you seek him, he will let himself be found by you” (1 Chron 28:9). Finding God happens as a result of seeking him. There is a definite need, therefore, to search for him so that he can reveal himself to us. The process of searching disposes and opens us up to God. Jesus himself said, “Seek and you will find” (Mt 7:7). According to John’s Gospel, it was to Mary Magdalene that Jesus first revealed himself because she was looking for him (Jn 20:15). John and Andrew were invited to stay with Jesus as a result of their seeking him out (Jn 1:38-39). He will also do for us what he did for them.

The Bible makes it clear that seeking God is a sure way of **obtaining his favor**: “The favoring hand of our God is upon all who seek him” (Ezra 8:22). Seeking him assures us of his presence and gives us rest in him: “All... sought him with complete desire, so that he was present to them. And the Lord gave them rest on every side” (2 Chron 15:15). He fulfills all of the needs of those who seek him: “Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing” (Ps 34:11).

A further reading of God’s word helps us to understand **how** we are to search for God. “Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; Let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God who is generous in forgiving” (Is 55:6-7). Negatively, seeking God means parting with deliberate sin; positively, it means turning to God in faith through prayer with regret over evil-doing. Psalm 24 tells us that “the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob is he whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain, nor swears deceitfully to his neighbor”.



“Gone Fishin”
Wishing you a blessed
and restful vacation,
Father Bertrand!

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Oh God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you.

Psalm 63:1

Psalm 179 further clarifies what seeking the Lord means, “Happy are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart, and do no wrong but walk in his ways”. And again, “With all my heart I seek you, let me not stray from your commands. Within my heart I treasure your promise, that I may not sin against you...I will meditate on your precepts and consider your ways, in your statutes I will delight. I will not forget your words” (2-3, 10-11, 15-16). We seek the Lord through innocence of life, and by living according to his commands or words. This implies keeping his words in mind and reflecting on their meaning so that we can thoroughly carry them out and make them part of our lives. Thus, we find him and come to know him by becoming like him through conformity of life.

Hosea urges us to seek the Lord by righteous and devout living. “Sow for yourself justice, reap the fruit of piety; Break up for yourself a new field, for it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains justice upon you” (Hos 10:12). Zephaniah expresses it this way: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility...” (2:3). God reveals himself to the humble.

Finally, the psalmist tells us, “O God, you are my God whom I seek...Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary...My lips shall glorify you. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name...I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night watching I will meditate on you...My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me (Ps 63:2-5, 7,9). It is especially through prayer and meditation that our spirit searches for God and attains him!

Father Conley Bertrand



Preserving the Richness of Your Come, Lord Jesus! Meeting

I am always encouraged with the testimonies we hear at our Anniversary Masses about the blessings received in your *Come, Lord Jesus!* group. There is much richness to be experienced in your meeting when all members are prepared and the 12- Step spiritual process is followed.

The groups that persevere and whose members continue to grow spiritually are those whose meetings are well prepared through meditation on the sacred text and through consultation with scriptural commentaries. The members go to their meetings prepared to give of themselves and their hearts. They compare parallel passages to the one they are talking about and have more than one translation at hand. The meetings have a serious though joyous tone about them. Each important verse or word is brought up to the group for sharing.

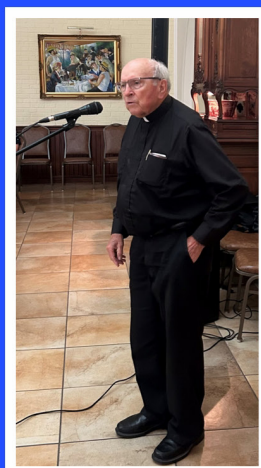
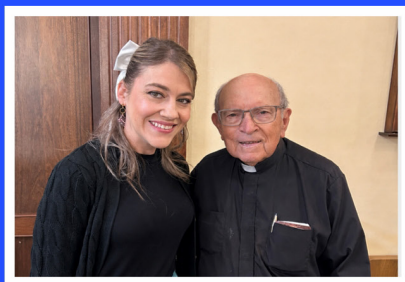
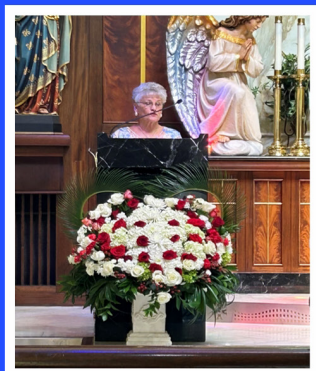
Unnecessary talk between the various steps of the program is discouraged. This prevents dissipation and keeps respect for the sacredness of the meeting. The leaders keep the members on the subject rather than allow them to ramble along superficially. Each member's participation will help them develop their gifts and leadership qualities. Prayer time is not just a string of petitions and giving orders to God but preceded by deep expressions of adoration, praise, thanksgiving, asking forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of our people, unity and harmony etc.

What about “witness of faith”? Has it become routine? Receive inspiration from the scripture passage of the day. At the end of the scripture sharing ask the group “*What do we need to do to make the Gospel/Epistle a lived reality in our world?*” For example, if the main point in the Epistle is to “*help carry one another's burdens*”, various members explain how the group can do this during the forthcoming week. In this way the group will have new ideas each week about their apostolate – how they can witness their faith or show Christian love and community.

I pray that these suggestions will help to enliven your meetings and help you grow in the likeness of Jesus.

Father Conley Bertrand

Anniversary Mass St. Jules Catholic Church Lafayette, LA



Anniversary Mass Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Point, LA



New Members

Abbeville, LA : Martha Vice, Esther Mayeaux
Baton Rouge, LA: Lisa Thompson
Coteau, LA: Sara Lee Adkins, Nancy Delcambre
DeRidder, LA: Monica Wyatt
Eunice, LA: Kristie Joubert, Philomena Bernard
Grand Prairie, LA: Kathy Fontenot
Jefferson, LA: Ken Lemoine
Kenner, LA: Debbie Sabella
Lacombe, LA: Fran Waguesback
Milton, LA: Walter L. Bergeron, Walter P. Bergeron
Parks, LA: Tammy Cormier, Glenn Broussard
Pierre Part, LA: Christina "Tina" Landry
Sugartown, LA: Deborah King, Angie Hill

Returning member

Eunice, LA: Elvonia Reed

New Groups

Carencro, LA: Annette Fontenot..... **Leader**
 Lana Fisher, Reba Landry, Dena Kyle, Diane McHugh,
 Sondra Broussard, Joy Fontenot, Vicky Baccus, Tara Mire,
 Lisa Roberie

New Orleans, LA: Ana-Marie Fontenot Marcantel..... **Leader**
 Andrea Mika, Elizabeth Casey, Emily Montesdeoca

Welcome New Group at St. Jules!

Dennis Babineaux..... **Leader**



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Come, Lord Jesus! Outreach

Introduction Meeting

St. Andrew the Apostle / New Orleans

led by Ginny Dufrene



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MAY 27 - JUNE 17, 2026 Memorial Burse Donations

Carlos Adams
Lawrence (Lanny) Borne
Hilda Miscar Buhler
Robert Champagne
Donna LeClercq Gorrell
Carey Joseph Guglielmo, Sr.
James Lockett
Beth Becnel Lee

To leader Carol Champagne of Buda, TX on the death of her father-in-law, Robert Champagne.

To member Anna Lara of Buda, TX on the death of her brother, Carlos Adams.

To leader Dawn Landry of Pierre Part, LA on the death of her mother, Gonellie Domingue.

To Luann Daigle and the Wynhoven Community Care Nursing Home *CLJ!* Group in Marrero, LA on the death of their faithful member Odette Hebert.

To member Linda Fusilier of New Iberia, LA on the death of her sister, Mary Alice Jones.

To member Betty Stelly of Washington, LA on the death of her son, Shane Stelly.



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