



COME, LORD JESUS!

*Spiritual Insights
Reports
Formation
Program Updates*

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

August 2nd
*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

August 9th
*Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

August 16th
*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

August 23rd
*Twenty - first Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

August 30th
*Twenty - second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

**MADE IN THE
IMAGE OF GOD**



The image of God as a potter and man as clay is seen frequently in scripture beginning in Genesis 2:7 where “God formed man of the dust of the ground.” Shaped from clay of the earth we are “jars of clay” (2 Corinthians 4:7). This acknowledges God as our master potter and creator. He shapes us into his image and fashions us into a vessel specially fit for his use. We have the potential of being formed into “a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful to the Master, prepared for every good work” (2 Timothy 2:21).

It is through love that God takes possession of us and molds us into his virtuous image. It is also through our love for God that our level of cooperation is determined. The more love we have for our Heavenly Father, the more we are united to him and become like him.

In 1 John 4:16, St. John states, “God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him”. It is through love that virtue grows. As our love for God deepens, virtue dominates. St. Augustine affirms that virtue is supreme love for God and that the cardinal virtues (temperance, fortitude, justice, and prudence) are different effects of love. Temperance is love bestowing itself fully and without reserve for God. Fortitude is love gladly enduring everything for the Beloved.

Justice is love serving the Beloved alone and therefore ruling others rightly. Prudence is love wisely discerning the means leading to the Beloved amid the obstacles which block the way.

God wants our highest good. He wants to mold us into his likeness and share his divine nature with us. He wants his virtue to be our model and holiness to be our way of life. How can we cooperate with God in order to grow in virtue and to be formed into his image?

God divinizes us through prayer, participation in the Sacraments, scriptural meditation and study, through self-denial and sacrificial offerings. It is important that we set time aside each day to sensitize ourselves to the movements of the Spirit within us: how we respond, affirmatively or negatively, whether we resist or accept the call to growth in love and personal transformation. God’s grace is a powerful instrument used by the Master Potter to seal the cracks and restore the brokenness allowing perfected formation of our “jars of clay”. May we all give this most precious work our highest priority, conforming to God’s holy will and disposing ourselves for this radiant transformation.

Marianne Hebert, CLJ! Outreach



Temperance Prudence Fortitude Justice

Discipline is the assertion of spirit over the senses and the passions through the practice of the virtues. Habitual discipline is a sign that we are in a state of spirit-dominance. This means that the spirit in union with the Spirit of God has gained the ascendancy over the passions and desires. They are under our control. They are subject to God and his holy law. The spirit is armed with the virtues and gifts. The spirit has power, therefore, and knowledge: it keeps vigilance; it stands in the presence of God and serves him. It knows and lives in the truth. It is obedient to God and his will.

The spirit imposes discipline or control over the lower powers through the infused moral virtues. For example, **prudence** disposes our lives in such a way that evil will be distanced and good will be fostered – grace will thrive; love will grow; God will be served; the sacred will be honored. Prudence keeps the divine object (God) in mind so that we are protected from particular objects that would rob us of divine intimacy. The virtue of prudence is perfected by the gift of counsel which gives it a divine mode of operation.

The spirit imposes discipline over our senses and passions through the infused virtue of **justice** so that we render everything its due. This virtue enables us to perform our duties in right measure. It is assisted by temperance and fortitude in its task so that we do everything right, as truth calls us to and in accord with the divine will. We do a thorough job; we finish it well; we do it justice; and in this way give glory to God. Thus, the virtue of justice is brought to perfection and so we are giving everyone and everything what is due according to the justice of God. So, for example, we go through great pains to care for the sick or to teach religion to a deprived child, or to minister the Eucharist to the shut-ins.

A disciplined spirit asserts itself over the pleasure passions and the senses through **temperance**. Temperance enables us to practice self-control and moderation in sensible pleasures in accordance with right reason enlightened by faith. In this way we are able to care for our basic needs to nourish ourselves by eating and drinking without overindulging and harming ourselves or displeasing God. We keep our bodies strong and healthy by eating the right foods and the proper amount so that we can do God's will and serve others and fulfill our calling. We do not allow the desire for the pleasure of the palate to overshadow our hunger for God.

The virtue of **fortitude** enables us to control our aggressive passions so that we do not flee from the difficult or the dangerous which we are called to face in life. This virtue strengthens our wills so that we can shoulder the cross in our lives. It gives us courage to face our duties of state and the burdens of labor and responsibility. Fortitude also enables us to endure trials that come our way so that we remain faithful to our task. It gives us relentless vigor in the practice of virtue. Through it we proceed against the obstacles and dangers it encounters without weakness or loss of confidence. The supernatural energy it imparts empowers us to overcome all lukewarmness in God's service. This gift makes us intrepid and valiant in the dangers we must face in being faithful to God. It enables us to suffer with patience and joy and to be heroic in great as well as in small things. It enables us to persevere in the arduous task of pursuing sanctity.

Father Conley Bertrand



- Abbeville, LA:** Bonnie Stelly
- Avery Island, LA:** Andy Ringle
- Baton Rouge, LA:** Charmaine Ordeneaux
- Harvey, LA:** Barry LaRose, David Kalil
- Jeanerette, LA:** Chris Fore
- Kaplan, LA:** Bethany Arnau
- Lafayette, LA:** Geraldine Rizzuto
- Metairie, LA:** Debbie Pelitire
- Ragley, LA:** Linda Vest, Katherine Miller
- St. Amant, LA:** Eva Leblanc

NEW GROUPS:

- Madisonville, LA:**
Peggy and Don Burrell.... Leaders
Lillian Gaines, Marie Lanzetta, Charlie Wild

JUNE 18 - JULY 18, 2020
Memorial Burse Donations
In memory of:

- Mark E. Boudreaux
- Carolyn Gardiner
- Clem Huerstel
- Tim Langan
- Winston LeBlanc
- Bernadette Lee
- Danielle Marie Leger
- Garnette Listi
- Trent Meche
- Stephanie C. Simoneaux
- Jeannine Wallace

June 2020
Gift Bags Received



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| Abbeville | Jefferson | St. Martinville |
| Basile | Judice | Sulphur |
| Bayou Vista | Kaplan | Ville Platte |
| Bell City | Kinder | Williamsburg, VA |
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| Estherwood | Oberlin | |
| Eunice | Opelousas | |
| Franklin | Panama City Beach, FL | |
| Fritch, TX | Pierre Part | |
| Grand Prairie | Pine Prairie | |
| Harvey | Ragley | |
| Houma | Schriever | |
| Jeanerette | Slidell | |

Anniversary Mass Schedule
The dates below are tentative depending on the Covid 19 Pandemic recommendations.

- August 15** Sacred Heart of Jesus/ Broussard
10:00 am
- August 22** St. Bernard/ Breaux Bridge
10:30 am
- August 29** St. Landry Catholic Church/ Opelousas
10:00 am
- September 26** Divine Mercy/ Kenner
9:30 am
- October 3** St. Francis de Sales Cathedral/ Houma
10:00 am
- October 17 Our Lady of Fatima/Lafayette
10:00 am
- October 20** St. Pius/ Ragley
10:00 am
- November 7** St. Ann/ Mamou
10:00 am

Condolences August 2020

To the members of "Daughters of Jerusalem" Group in Opelousas, LA on the death of their member, Jeannine Wallace.

To leader Garrett Broussard of Lafayette, LA on the death of his father, Willie Andre Broussard.

To member Valarie Monte Spell of Lyons Point, LA on the death of her husband, C.J. Spell (who was also a member).

To member Vickie Leger of Abbeville, LA on the death of her daughter, Danielle Marie Leger.

To member Fran Listi of Morgan City, LA on the death of her daughter, Garnette Listi.

To member Alice Bodin of Jeanerette, LA on the death of her sister, Susan Seal.

To member Mary Ann Huerstel of Slidell, LA on the death of her husband, Clem Huerstel.

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