



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

March 1
2nd Sunday in Lent

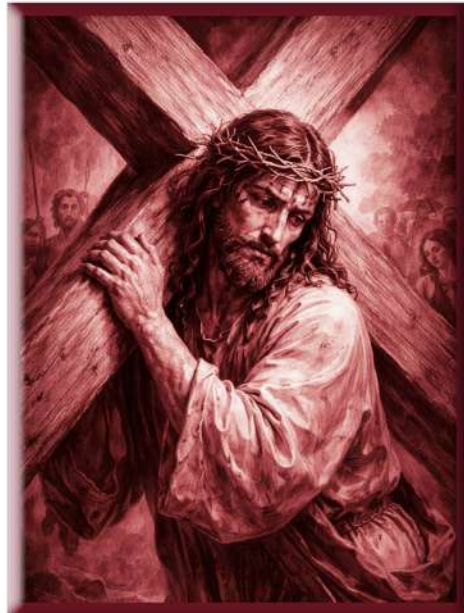
March 8
3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15
4th Sunday of Lent

March 22
5th Sunday of Lent

March 29
Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion

Come, Lord Jesus!



The Paschal Mystery is the Suffering, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. It was the will of the Father because of his infinite love for us, his children, that Jesus become human so he could suffer and die to make up for our sins. The result of Jesus' obedience to his Father's will was his glorification. His suffering and death in earthly life was a process that ended in the glorious life of heaven.

Accepted suffering brings about purification from sin. The pain of suffering purifies the sinfully inclined human passions and purifies them. This spiritualized human condition disposes us for union with God who is Spirit. Accepted suffering for love of God in obedience to his will therefore causes loving union with God. This is what Jesus' Paschal Mystery teaches us. This is a marvelous mystery which we are called to live out in our daily lives. Jesus' statement, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6), calls us to imitate him in living our lives.

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Through patient endurance we embrace the trials of life. These trials lovingly accepted are purifying and spiritualizing. They are the living out of Jesus' suffering and death to selfish living and on to resurrection. The more spiritual we become the closer is our union with God and participation in the joy of his heavenly life. Therefore, the Paschal Mystery lived out includes both the suffering and death ending in the joy of glorification. This glorification is the reward of accepted suffering in obedience to God's will. It begins to take place in this life.

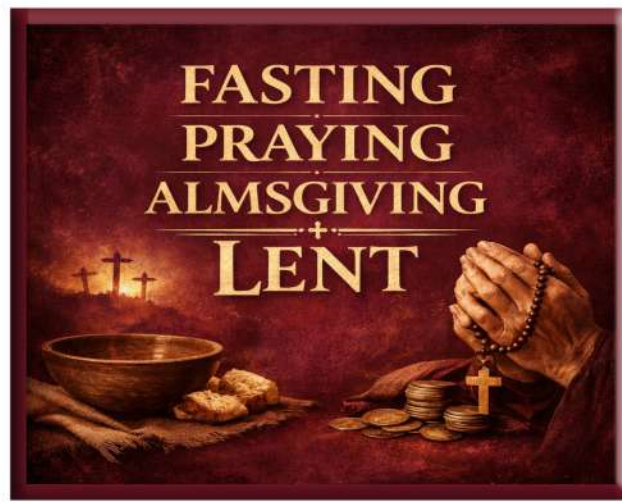
It is important to understand that living out of the Paschal Mystery is not all pain and suffering. It always ends up in the partaking in the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. It is the way of life Jesus teaches us that produces the highest life of the spirit.

Living out the Paschal Mystery in this way is more than simply "offering it up." Instead of dealing with these difficulties met in daily life all on your own – by your lonely self – you enter into his Paschal Mystery and this process of suffering, dying to yourself and rising in communion with Jesus to his glorious spirit life.

"All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

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Attention Leaders!
Please remember to return your **2026 PINK UPDATE SHEETS**, which were recently mailed to you. Thank you for helping us keep our database accurate and up to date!



Dealing With Imperfections

Only God is perfect. Creation is less than God and contains many imperfections. We are called to bear with these imperfections and so enter the Paschal Mystery of Jesus who is the Way to the highest life.

This patient endurance of the imperfections is a way of attacking the selfish, sinful self. Embracing the difficulty in accepting God's will through the virtue and gift of fortitude centers us on God and away from the selfish self. We are thus lovingly united to God and the joy of spirit living.

It is important that we detach ourselves from selfish self-centered living according to the senses so we can be united to God according to the spirit. Otherwise, we remain bogged down in the limited self hopelessly attached to earthly pleasures, so inferior to the joys of spiritual union with God.

When we live on a selfish sense level we rebel against the imperfections of life. We refuse to put up with the inconvenience of the negative elements contained in the imperfections. We don't want to suffer them. We respond with anger or sadness and impatience. Jesus said, "*In your patience you shall possess your soul*" (Lk 21:19). Embracing the imperfection requires the grace of supernatural power. That is why habitual prayerfulness is so essential to living out the Paschal Mystery. In this way we remain in union with God and his will and are disposed to put up with the difficulties and imperfections of life.

It is good for us to be aware of these many imperfections that we daily encounter in life. We begin with ourselves and our many imperfections. We fall short of virtue and talents so we become impatient. We must accept ourselves as we are. Sometimes we fail. We ask God to forgive us. The suffering involved is purifying. We enter into the Paschal Mystery. We are sanctified thereby. We are humbled. Loving acceptance unites us more closely to God.

Other imperfections include our bodies. We are not as perfect and healthy as we would like to be. We must accept these bodily imperfections. As we grow older, we begin losing our perfect vision, our hearing, our memory, our ability to smell, our strength, our ability to walk, etc. Much of this is true even for the young. They too must bear with imperfections of various kinds. We accept these as part of the Paschal Mystery in our lives. Patiently accepting these is a way of sanctification. They are humbling experiences meant to sanctify us. They help to overcome our pride and vanity and independence. They call us to unite ourselves with the Passion of Jesus.

There are also imperfections in others, the ones we relate to closely in our lives: spouses, children, grandchildren, friends and others. We are called to endure their imperfections and sins. They call us to enter into the Passion of Jesus and on to his resurrection and the joy of practiced virtue.

Divine Intervention

We are slaves to self-indulgence and ignore the call to self-discipline. God has to intervene by forcing us into the Paschal Mystery of suffering, death and resurrection. We must pray for the grace of acceptance and see the spiritual good that we are being called to enter into. We must thank God for intervening into our lives through ill-health which we often bring upon ourselves through disordered self-indulgence. We can then hasten the process of sanctification before it is too late!

All of this inconvenience and suffering through ill health is God's providential intervention to spiritualize us, to dispose us for the grace of conversion before it is too late and we die in the state of disordered self-indulgence and self-centeredness – indisposed for God and eternal life.

Father Conley Bertrand

Recent Events



Leader Spiritual Formation - Holy Cross Catholic Church- Lafayette



Morning of Reflection- Our Lady of Divine Providence- Metairie



Leader Spiritual Formation- St. Augustine- Basile



Lenten Outreach - St. Thomas More-Baton Rouge



Please join us!

It is with great joy and anticipation that we invite you to gather for our upcoming Annual Conference on March 14th. This year, we are privileged to welcome Msgr. Curtis Mallet as our keynote speaker to guide us through a profound exploration of The Beatific Vision. Please join us for this special day of fellowship, deep reflection and celebration of Mass, as we share the ultimate hope of our faith - our face-to-face encounter with the glory of God. There is no fee, but registration is required. Please scan the QR Code or email the office at

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Upcoming Events

March 14 Annual Conference / St. Mary Catholic Church/ Lafayette/ 8:30 -12:00

March 30 Annual Hispanic Anniversary Mass / Our Lady of Sacred Heart/ Church Point/7:00

April 11 Leader Spiritual Formation/ Broussard / 9:00 - *Details via RSVP*

April 13 Leader Spiritual Formation/ Ville Platte / 9:00 - *Details via RSVP*

April 18 Anniversary Mass. St. Mary Magdalen / Abbeville. 10:00

April 18 Leader Spiritual Formation/ Cecilia / 10:00 - *Details via RSVP*

April 25 Spiritual Fitness Leader Workshop / Our Lady of Fatima/ Lafayette/ 10:00 – 2:00

April 30 Ignite! Outreach Team Session / 10:00 Lafayette and 2:00 Zoom - *Details via RSVP*

May 12 Anniversary Mass/ St. Augustine / Basile/ 3:00



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Condolences



To members Lucy and John Bishop of Jeanerette, LA on the death of Lucy's mother, Flo Retta Young.

To member Renee Hennigan of Lafayette, LA on the death of her son, Bryce Hennigan.

To the members of "A Joyful Heart" in Youngsville, LA on the death of their member, Jeanette Broussard.

To members Todd and Tonya Hebert of Charenton, LA on the death of his father, James Terry Hebert.

To member Pam Fontenot of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her mother, Marilyn Faye Arceneaux.

To member Sue Bordelon of Ville Platte, LA on the death of her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Marcus and Jackie Bordelon.

To leader Steve Landry of Youngsville, LA on the death of his mother-in-law, Pearlie Landry.

To leader Linda Alfred of Broussard, LA on the death of her sister-in-law, Mayola Green Williams.

To member Helen Ledet of Broussard, LA on the death of her husband, James Larry Ledet, Sr.

To the members of "Spirit of Truth" group in Jennings, LA on the death of their member, Sandra Hotard.

To the members of "Stand Firm in the Faith" group in Washington, LA on the death of their member, Kathleen DePrimo.

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FEB 1 - FEB 20, 2026

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