

F&S (Fun and Serious)

†††JMJ††† Humor for today †††JMJ†††

There is always a lot to be thankful for, if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles do not hurt.

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The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could out do anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen.

After several minutes, the older worker had had enough. “Why don’t you put your money where your mouth is,” he said. “I will bet a week’s wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you will not be able to wheel back.”

“You’re on, old-timer,” the braggart replied. “Let’s see what you got.”

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, “All right. Get in.”

†††JMJ††† Short meditation for today †††JMJ†††

Everything in the Passion of Jesus Christ shows how He has loved us – the cross to which He was nailed, the sorrows which He endured, the death which He suffered. – *St. Thomas Villanova*.

Jesus Christ crucified is our model. His wounds preach to us of the affections which should animate us, what we should be and what we should do. – *St. Bernard*.

St. Thomas Aquinas, during a visit which he made to Saint Bonaventure, asked the latter from what book he had drawn the erudition, the unction which made his writing so admirable. Showing him a crucifix, he replied: “This is my book; it is the source of all I have written. It is this which has taught me the little that I know.” Let us beseech Him to grant to us, to give us His love. Let us beseech Him to grant sinners the grace of conversion, and let us make amends for the sins we have committed.

Saint Gertrude meditated with love upon her crucifix. At the sight of her divine Savior on the cross, she begged for the love of suffering, and asked that she might suffer still more and more with gratitude and love. “I offer to Thee, divine Savior,” said she, “all that it may please Thee to make me suffer, either in body or mind. I desire to imitate Thee, O Jesus, Who has loved me even to die for me. Let this body, so rebellious a slave, be chastised. Let my will, which has so often opposed Thine, be unceasingly mortified. I will no longer follow its desires. I place it in Thy hands; dispose of it as Thou wilt.” Saint Augustine said: “Each time that I am tempted I have recourse to the wounds of Jesus Christ. I take refuge in the bowels of mercy of my Savior. Jesus Christ died for me: this thought is sweet consolation in my greatest pains. All my hope is in the death of Jesus Christ. His death is my merit, my refuge, my salvation, my life, my resurrection. I wish to live, to die in the arms of my Savior.”

Prayer

O Jesus, O the God of my heart, by the five wounds which Thou hast received for us on the tree of the cross, have pity on those whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood. I will no more by my sins renew Thy Passion, crucify Thee again, nor trample underfoot Thy adorable blood.

†††JMJ††† Today’s reflection from the *Imitation of Christ* †††JMJ†††

By two wings is man lifted about earthly things, viz., by simplicity and purity. Simplicity must be in the intention, purity and the affection. Simplicity aimeth at God, purity apprehendeth Him and tasteth Him.

†††JMJ††† A Scripture quote for today †††JMJ†††

Behold the Bridegroom cometh: go ye forth to meet Christ the Lord.

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Catechism Class 5-1-11 = Continue with the Holiness of the Catholic Church. Explained the test for Sanctity as given by the Church for beatification. <http://www.jmjsite.com/c/050111.mp3>

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You are invited and encouraged to share this information with others. Thank you for visiting <http://www.JMJsitE.com>; and please tell others about this website. I pray that you will live in such a way that

the Good God will always constantly Bless you while He keeps you from all sin. May Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph obtain for you every grace you need.

My prayer for everyone; and especially for those on my email list: “May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph grant you and yours all of the Joys, Graces, and Blessings necessary to live and die in the state of Sanctifying grace in perfect Uniformity with God’s Most Holy Will. May you know the truth and live and die in the True Church having obtained that degree of holiness it is God’s Will you obtain.”

I will pray an extra 15-decade Rosary every Sunday and Holyday throughout the year for those who are on my email list.

Thank you for all of your prayers, penances, and sacrifices for me.

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