

F&S (Fun and Serious)

†††JMJ††† **Dust the cobwebs out of your gray matter and solve this brainteaser if you can** †††JMJ†††

How far do you have to count before using the letter A in spelling a number? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

†††JMJ††† **Scriptural quiz** †††JMJ†††

What percentage of the 12 Apostles had a brother born of the same parents that was also one of the 12 Apostles? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

†††JMJ††† **Liturgy quiz** †††JMJ†††

During years that January 3 is celebrated on a Saturday, what Mass and prayers are offered in the Divine Office? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.] **NOTE:** you may receive a Catholic calendar and some information concerning the rubrics by requesting it from Patrick Henry; JMJ@JMJsites.com

†††JMJ††† **Humor for today** †††JMJ†††

If you have two stingy relatives you don't care to see anymore, borrow \$20 from one of them and lend it to the other.

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Is it cold weather where you are living today? Then maybe you can answer the question: "Who is married to Antarctica?" *Uncle Arctica.*

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

We must seek wisdom only in Jesus Christ. – *Saint Thomas*

St. Paulinus, writing to Aperi, a man of learning who had renounced the profane sciences to consecrate himself to God in the religious life, said: "Let orators exercise themselves to speak well, philosophers cultivate the sciences, the rich take care of their treasures; our kingdom is Jesus Christ." The same saint wrote to another who, in striving to acquire human knowledge, had neglected his salvation: "You find time to read the poets and orators, to study philosophy, and you find no time to be a Christian! Be a philosopher of God, study Jesus Christ in His school."

A zealous Christian silenced some persons who, through their own passions and the reading of bad books, had become unbelievers, by saying to them: "If Jesus Christ be not God, how comes it that all the prophecies regarding the Messiah are so perfectly verified in Him? How could He invent, preach, and spread a doctrine so sublime, which teaches man so perfectly to know God, his duties, his obligations, his last end? How is it that in presence of Jews and Pagans He performed such wonderful miracles? That His disciples also, in His name, performed miracles most astounding? How is it that in so short a time the world embraced Christianity? And all the efforts of impiety have been unable to overthrow it? Men who are most virtuous, most happy, are they not true Christians, who live according to the Gospel, and who obey the Catholic Church, which is the only Church of Jesus Christ?"

Prayer

O Jesus, my Savior and my God, if Thou art not God, God Himself has deceived us. O Jesus, have pity on those who have lost the precious gift of faith; enlighten those who are in darkness. I believe in Thee, I love Thee.

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

If thou art not prepared today how shalt thou be tomorrow? Tomorrow is an uncertain day; and how dost thou know that thou shalt be alive tomorrow?

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

A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to kill, and a time to heal. A time to destroy, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh. A time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather. A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to get, and a time to lose. A time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew. A time to keep silence, and a time to speak. A time of love, and a time of hatred. A time of war, and a time of peace.

†††JMJ††† **This is Serious** †††JMJ†††
THE VALUE OF TIME

Son, observe the time. (Ecclus., iv., 23)

Time is a treasure of inestimable value because in every moment of time we can gain an immense increase of grace and eternal glory. If the Blessed in Heaven could grieve, they would do so for having lost so much time; and in hell the lost souls are tormented with the thought that there is now no more time for them. *Son, observe the time.* – Saint Alphonsus Maria

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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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