

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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

What popular dances in their day had in their titles the name of (1) a pastry, (2) a fruit, (3) a city? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

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

Where do you find the following quote in the holy Bible? “But the day of the Lord shall come as a thief, in which the heavens shall pass away with great violence, and the elements shall be melted with heat, and the earth and the works which are in it, shall be burnt up.” [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

†††JMJ††† **Liturgy quiz** †††JMJ†††

What special prayers does the Catholic Church have Her children pray on April 25? [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†††

What vegetable do you get when an elephant walks through your garden? *Squash.*

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A pet shop owner was trying to talk Mrs. McClellan into buying a bulldog for her children. “Oh, they will love this little rascal!” Said the clerk. “He is full of fun and he eats anything. He especially likes children.”

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

The platitude of the divinity lives really in Jesus Christ. He is God, He is your God. O man, why do you wander elsewhere, seeking outside of Him any good either for soul or body? Love Him Who is Beauty itself; love a good in Whom is all good; desire Him Who is all good, and all your desires will be granted. – *Saint Anselm*

Saint Augustine, struck with these perfections, cried out: “Too late have I loved Thee, O Beauty ever ancient, O Beauty ever new!” Let us love this sovereign Beauty; we shall be beautiful in loving Him Who is always beautiful. Beauty increases in proportion as love grows, because love is the beauty of the soul.

Saint Gertrude, and her *Exercises of Divine Love*, invites pious souls to excite in their hearts lively emotions of love three times during the day, morning, noon, and evening, to make amends for not having loved Our Lord with all their hearts. She calls Jesus Christ her sovereign, her only good, the faith of her heart. She asks Him, for the love of His love, to grant her grace to look upon all that she is as belonging to Him.

The same saint consecrated one day in each week to divine love; she called this day *the day of love*. On that day she asked seven times of God that He would be her Master in teaching her the art of loving.

Prayer

My God, grant that Thy grace may abound where iniquity has abounded. Grant that Thy love may reign in hearts where the love of the world has reigned. I love Thee, I will love all things in Thee and for Thee.

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

For all shall perish that cometh not of God. Hold fast to this short and perfect word: “Forsake all, and thou shalt find all; relinquish desire, and thou shalt find rest.”

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

At the time appointed he shall return, and he shall come to the south, but the latter time shall not be like the former.

†††JMJ††† **This is Serious** †††JMJ†††

Time is a treasure which can be found only in this life: it is not to be found in the next, in hell or in heaven. In hell the damned exclaim with tears: O that an hour were given to us! They would pay any price for an hour of time in which they might repair their ruin, but this hour they will never have! In Heaven there is no weeping; but where the Saints capable of weeping, all their tears would arise from the thought of having lost the time in which they could have acquired greater glory, and from the conviction that this time will never again be given to them. A Benedictine nun appeared after death in glory to a certain person and said she was perfectly happy, but that if she could desire anything it would be to return to life and to suffer pains and privations in order to

merit an increase of glory. She added that for the glory which corresponds to a single *Ave Maria*, she would be content to endure till the Day of Judgment the painful illness that caused her death

O my God, I thank Thee for the time which Thou givest me to repair the disorders of my past life. Were I to die at this moment the remembrance of the time I have lost would be one of my greatest torments. Ah, my Lord, Thou hast given me time to love Thee and I have spent it in offending Thee! I deserved to be sent to hell from the first moment in which I turned my back upon Thee, but Thou hast called me to repentance and hast pardoned me. I promise to offend Thee no more and how often have I returned to sin! How often hast Thou pardon me my ungrateful relapses! Blessed forever be Thy Mercy! Ah, how sorry I feel for having offended so good a God! - *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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