

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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

Is a person who is excessively thirsty suffering from kleptomania, polydipsia, or myopia? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

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

What are the last recorded words spoken to the wise men before they departed from Jerusalem? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

†††JMJ††† **Liturgy quiz** †††JMJ†††

How do you know what days are the first Ember Days after the feast of the Epiphany? [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 every man were as true to his country as he is to his God, we would be in the lot of trouble.

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A new bride cooked her first meal for her husband. “My mother taught me to cook, and I can cook two things well – apple pie and meatloaf.”

The husband took a bite of his supper and asked, “and which one is this?”

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

If I belong entirely to God because He has created me, what remains for me to give Him for having redeemed me in so loving a manner? Reflect, Christian. You have been enriched, by an act of love of Jesus Christ, with all that is necessary for your salvation. God has poured upon you all heavenly blessings through the merits of Our Savior, and in consideration of the love He has had for you. – *Saint Bernard*.

Saint Ambrose was animated with gratitude to God when reflecting upon the gratitude manifested by certain domestic animals. Who would not blush with shame, said he, to reflect upon our ingratitude, when we see that even the beasts are not ungrateful? Does the dog forget the master who feeds him? Let us cease to be ingrates.

Let us be grateful to Jesus Christ, Who has redeemed us from the tyranny of the demon and merited for us by His sufferings life eternal. Saint Gertrude, on awakening in the morning, seemed to hear the Beloved of her heart saying, “Awake! How long wilt thou give thyself to sleep? The King of heaven is your spouse; He burns with ardent love for thee; He has washed thee in His blood, He has delivered Himself to death for thee, because He loves thee. Wilt thou hesitate to return love for love? Could He buy thy love at a higher price? He has loved thee more than Himself, since He has not spared Himself for thee. Love demands love.” A priest of God, full of zeal, often said to those whom he directed: “Your body belongs to Him Who nourishes your soul with His own body; your blood, to Him Who has shed for you His blood; your life, to Him Who has given His life for you.”

Prayer

O my Savior, I offer Thee amends for all the ingratitude that men offer Thee! Alas! I have seen myself a monster of ingratitude. If I cannot give my blood for Thine, I can give love for love.

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

Son, thou oughtest not be turned back, nor presently cast down, when thou hearest what is the way of the perfect; but be drawn the more onwards toward its lofty heights, or at least aspire ardently for their attainment.

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

And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary his Mother, and falling down they adored Him.

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<http://jmjsite.com/epiphanyletterofpatrickhenryoncalledtothefait.pdf>

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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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