

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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

A man went to the airline counter. The ticket agent asked, “Sir, do you have reservations?” He replied, “Reservations? Of course I have reservations, but I am flying anyway.”

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“What kinds of papers do I need to travel to Europe?” A youth asked the travel agent. “Basically, a passport and the visa.” “I have the passport, no problem. Do you think they will accept MasterCard?”

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

Humility is necessary, not only to acquire virtues, but to be saved. Jesus Christ has said that the gates of heaven are so narrow that only the little, that is the humble, can enter therein. – *St. Bernard*.

Saint Philip Neri was accustomed to say: “The wound in the side of Jesus Christ is large; but unless He has pity on me I will make it still larger.” Every morning he addressed to God this prayer: “Lord, watch over me this day. If Thou does not guard me I will betray Thee, and I will fall into grievous sins.” Each time that he left his house, he said to God: “Take care of me, or otherwise I depart a Christian and shall return a Jew.” Is it not true, self-evident, that we are nothing, can do nothing? Can we lose sight of our miseries, of our sins? He who has a wound on his body which gives him pain does not reflect whether it is there, for he sees and feels it.

Prayer

Lord, Who hatest the proud and wilt humble them, give me humility. Without humility I shall offend Thee unceasingly; without humility I shall be lost.

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

The glory of good men is in their own consciences not in the mouths of men. That man has great tranquility of heart who cares neither for praises nor dispraises.

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

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

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It is the tremendous truth that God exists, God, our Crater, our Father, and Judge; it is that truth that makes us saints. It was that thought that took possession of the Little Flower at an early age. We find that the Little Flower, at the age of ten, spending her vacation from school “thinking,” as she said. When asked, “Of what were you thinking?” She answered, “I was thinking of God, of eternity, of the shortness of time and the length of eternity.” The Little Flower went through life as in her girlhood she passed through the fields, under the stars, in walks which she describes in these words: “I would ask my father to lead me into the field under the stars and lifting up my head that I might see nothing of this unlovely world, I would walk on gazing at the starry sky.” So she passed through life with her eyes fixed upon Heaven. So must we go through life, our eyes fixed upon God, remembering that since God exists He must occupy the proper place in our lives and His place is first, not second or third, – remembering that we must not forget God but be mindful of Him, remembering that not to pray is to live as if there were no God, remembering to begin each day and close each day with prayer, using at frequent intervals the only means by which we can serve God, the means presented by prayer and the sacraments, giving to God a due amount of our time and thought and energy, remembering that He is not only our merciful Father but also a just Judge to Whom we must render an account of our actions.

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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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