

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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

Mrs. Sad: “Do you ever wake up grouchy in the morning?”

Mrs. Happy: “No, I usually let him just get up whenever he is ready.”

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What is the moon worth? *Four quarters.*

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

Humility, which Jesus Christ has so recommended by word and example, should have three conditions. It should convince us that we deserve to be blamed by men. It should make us rejoice when others see our faults and despise us. If God performs any good in us or through us, it should make us attribute it to the mercy of God and the merits of others. – *St. Vincent de Paul*

St. Vincent de Paul said of himself that he was an old sinner, unworthy to live, and was much in need of the mercy of God on account of the enormity of his sins. Prostrating himself one day before the priests of his congregation, they were astonished to hear him thus address them: “If you knew my miseries, you would drive me from the congregation of which I have charge, which I dishonor, and to which I do harm.” He often spoke of the lowliness of his birth. One day a nephew called to see him, who was dressed in the costume of a poor peasant. The Saint afterwards accused himself to his priests of the mortification he felt in presenting his relative to them and to some other gentleman who were present on that occasion. Having occasion to speak frequently of his slavery at Tunis, he never mentioned that he was the cause of bringing back to the Church his master, who was a renegade, lest it might awaken vain thoughts in him. If necessary or charity obliged him to speak of any good that he did, it was always to the zeal of others he attributed his success.

Prayer

I knowledge, O my God, that I merit all kinds of reproaches, humiliations, and contempt. I have done only evil. I am ready to submit to whatever punishment Thou mayst inflict. But remember Thou art my Father. Spare me in the world to come.

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

Of two evils one ought always to choose the less.

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

The deceitfulness of the wicked shall destroy them.

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God's Mind and Ours

Granting that there is a God, He certainly would not disapprove of our efforts to investigate and inquire and try to solve the mystery of evil, but how unreasonable it would be to expect to phantom all God's ways and to understand clearly all He does and all His methods of ruling the universe. If God created us, we with our little finite minds, cannot hope to understand Him completely. If we can understand all His ways and all He does, we would be Gods ourselves. How stupid to shake one's fist at Heaven and to demand that God explain every move He makes and answer in full every question that occurs to us about His management of human affairs! In other words, in trying to solve this problem of evil, we must remember that our minds have limits and we must accept those limitations. It is the greatest wisdom to remember that we do not possess minds like that of the great God Who created our minds and the universe besides. Some men forget that. Some, who do not understand the force of gravity or the force of electricity, desire and expect to penetrate the deepest recesses of God's Mind and His motives for all His acts. Therefore, in discussing the problem of evil we will remember that we cannot perfectly solve it, but we can solve it partially and to the satisfaction of any reasonable man.

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You are invited and encouraged to share this information with others. Thank you for visiting <http://www.JMJsites.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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