

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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

There is at least one English word in which a single vowel is repeated six times. What is that word? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

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

Can you name two books of the Holy Bible that begin with the same three words? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

†††JMJ††† **Liturgy quiz** †††JMJ†††

Can you name the first Holy Day of Obligation celebrated in the Catholic Church in the USA after the beginning of the new Church year? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.]

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

In what country can fish survive out of water? *Finland*

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A sales rep, an administration clerk and their manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a genie comes out in a puff of smoke.

The genie says, "I usually only grant three wishes, so I'll give each of you just one."

"Me first! Me first!" says the admin clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone.

In astonishment, "Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone.

"Okay, you're up," the genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

Moral of the story: *Always let your boss have the first say.*

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

A HAPPY YEAR January 1: "If any man love not Jesus Christ, let him be anathema."

What seek you that you will not find in Jesus Christ? If you are sick, He is your physician. In affliction He is your comfort, in exile your hope. If you are attacked, He is your defender. In darkness He is your light. You are an orphan, He is your father. He is your spouse, your friend, your brother; Our Lord Jesus Christ is all you can and should desire. - *St. Bernard*.

St. Francis of Assisi dwelt for entire hours upon these words: "My God and my all."

Can we not say with Saint Augustine, "O my God, he that knows Thee not, though he should know all besides, is unfortunate; but he that knows Thee, though ignorant of all else, and that loves Thee, is happy! Grant that I may know and love Thee"?"

A holy religious used these words to her companions, to excite them to the love of Jesus Christ: "We have been created to love God, and we love Him not. What! We do not love a God Who from eternity has not ceased to love us? We do not love for Himself a God infinitely perfect, Who has loved us with a love so disinterested? We do not love with a tender love a God Who has loved us with the love of a father? We do not love with a generous love a God Whose love for us has caused Him to deliver Himself to ignominy, sorrows, and death? We do not love with all the love which we are capable a God Who has loved us with so prodigious and excessive love?"

Prayer

Pardon, O my Savior, all the sins which are committed every day and everywhere. I desire only Thy love. I sigh only for Thee. Grant that we may love Thee in the manner most agreeable to Thee.

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

But what great matter is it, if thou who art but dust and a mere nothing, submit thy self to man for God's sake, when I, the Almighty and the Most High, who created all things out of nothing, have for thy sake humbly subjected Myself to man?

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

At that time, after eight days were accomplished, that the Child should be circumcised: His Name was called Jesus, which was called by the Angel before He was conceived in the womb.

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

For every person living throughout that time known as 2018 was given 31,536,000 seconds of time. What did each one of us do with those precious seconds of time? We can have much certainty that everyone reading this will either themselves die; or know of someone else who dies during this next year. Please read with great attention the information found in these two articles concerning the magic bank account and eternity.

<http://jmjsite.com/magicbankaccount.pdf> and <http://jmjsite.com/eternity-and-salvation.pdf>

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<http://jmjsite.com/waytoahappynewyear.pdf> = Way to a Happy New Year

New Year's Eve

[Sermon of Saint John Mary Vianney](#) - Printed sermon for New Year's Eve

Circumcision of Jesus & New Year

[On the New and the Old Year, for Sinners and the Just](#)

[On the Value of Time](#)

[On the Divine Decree, Which has Appointed a State and Condition of Life for each One](#)

[On the Consideration of Eternity](#)

[The Transitory and the Eternal](#) – Sermon of St. John Mary Vianney for New Year's.

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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