

There Is Room At The Cross For You

As we go through life, growing up as a kid, our teens and adulthood. The decisions that make in life are very important but, also crucial. "What career I'm going to do for the future", "Who am I going to marry", etc, etc. All of these things are important. But the most important decision that we all face is "where am I going to spend eternity after I leave this world?" It's easy to just brush it off or just try to forget it. But, at some point in life that question will resurface. So today, take the time to read a gospel Trac or read the book of John in the Holy Bible, or go to church one Sunday. Remember: "The wages of Sin is Death." The gift of God is eternal life. Romans chapter 6:23

~Rodney Wise



Art by James C.

STREET VOICES

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If you have any content to share for our newsletter please see one of the breadline staff. **We are in need of content such as a poem, lyrics, writing, thoughts, questions, image of your artwork or anything uplifting or informative.** Anyone who contributes content for our newsletter will receive a \$10 gift card.

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FRANCISCAN 360 IS OPEN!

WHAT: Case Management, Computer Access, Mailing Address, Health Clinic
WHERE: 144 W. 32nd Street
WHEN: Monday 10-1:30, Wednesday 10-1:30 (new day), Thursday 10-1:30
WHO: All are welcome!

Good Morning! This week we have writing from Diane D., writing from Zeo, poetry from VL Slamm, writing from Rodney Wise, writing from the InPho Ladie for the "2447 Project", artwork from Pauly B., and artwork from James C, and a digital cartoon from Dominic.

Be the first to solve all three questions below to win a gift card.

What coat goes on wet?

What can you keep after giving to someone?

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?

11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 1 2 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12



Art by Pauly B.

Time and sin While grazing perceived a flame
From brush of dried weeds
Near an open canopy of willows
And fire with red and emerald.

Tucked away soundly
Protected by virtue
.to find it look for your vanity
The love never found.
Because our doors are closed
sleep through the day peacefully
But at night our times wrestles
Hand of will and spirit of destiny

~VL Slamm



"My mother told me not to become an artist. She begged me to go into computer science.—Now, how do I explain to her that a stupid computer program creates better art than me."

Digital cartoon by Dominic

JESUS WROTE
LIKE IN THE BIBLE QUOTE
A NEW ENGLISH, SO WE SING TO ONE NOTE
POETRY ASCENDS US ABOVE THE LUXURY TOTE

IT WAS JANUARY 15
WHEN THIS PAINTING WAS SEEN
STANDING IN THE FRIAR'S HALL, I WAS KEEN
I SAW PAST THE STONE FENCE TO HILLS OF GREEN

BUT IN THE FOREGROUND
JESUS KNELT ON A PATIO OF ROCKS ROUND
WITH HIS FINGER HE WROTE WITHOUT A SOUND
WITH THE ADULTERESS, NO FAULT COULD BE FOUND

I WAS DRAWN IN
ZAPS FROM JESUS MADE ME GRIN
HE WAS TELLING ME PROFOUND TIMES BEGIN
HE WROTE PEEL POETRY TO END HUMANITY 1 SIN

NATION TO NATION, COSMOS WIDE
THE DARKNESS CAN NO LONGER HIDE
AS WE OPEN OUR 7DOOR PROJECTS WIDE
SEE-IT GIVES US AN HONEST PLACE TO CONFIDE

~Diane D



The wonderful planet we live on is a testament of the greatness that creation has bestowed upon us from the time of birth to that last breath we take there is a circle in life we must complete keeping an eye out on that karmic retribution that visits us through our our lives keep in mind that we must live accordingly to that law of creation and all that entails it love compassion etc... but most of all the way we live and interact with everything from plants and tree's to the animals that surround us to that thought that may take you away from your path never judge at all just enjoy the ride your on never lie even the smallest will come back and haunt you be on guard the enemy will always give you what you partake in and if you enjoy it or live for those things that will derail your journey, you already had knowledge of it but chose the short cuts in life thinking I can get away with this and at any second the karmic retribution hits think straight and remember the words if you thought about it... that is a bad thought or evil thought you have sinned we are not just flesh and blood but the spirit that abides in us is who we are never forget our true identities enjoy life love life be compassionate most of all walk in truth and you shall be set free ...

~Zeo



The 2447 Project @ Franciscan 360 @ The Inpho Ladie.

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"If you see a need, fill it...without expectation of any payment or any reward; for the Blessing to be of Service is your Reward."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Survival* 2447 Style on nil to nothing"

Good Morning, Good Morning, Good Morning!!! And "Welcome!" to the 2nd (2024) installment of "The 2447 Project". I share these words with you to begin your day: I know nothing and I understand less...but I do sincerely believe that, once again, we have been given both the opportunity and the Grace to "get it right!". What? You don't believe me? Okay...then answer me this: You woke up, right? Enough said...and to all of the naysayers who are complaining about the cold, I have one thing to say: It's Winter, what type of weather do you expect?

You know, when I first began this column and because we are all in this together, I distinctly remember asking you to share "survival*" information so that it could be further shared with others who do not have or who need the particular knowledge that you have. ("No man is an island, no Man stands alone; Each Man's joy is joy to me, Each Man's grief is my own; We need one another, so I will defend each Man as my Brother, each Man as my Friend; I saw the people gather, I heard the music start, the song that they were singing, is ringing in my Heart; No Man is an island, way out in the blue, We all look to the One Above, for our strength to renew" ~ "No Man is an Island" @ Joan Baez) Guess what I have gotten so far? Nothing, nada, zilch and/or empty words and promises (you get the picture, don't you?). If you were in need of information to make your life's journey a little easier, you would want someone to give it to you, right? Well, for the record, The 2447 Project has been doing just that ("If you see a need, fill it...") however, the Project's needs are not your needs, nor your neighbors needs, and vice versa. 2024 is a new year...use it wisely and please share your Wisdom as "what goes around comes around" (Karma)

Now having said all of that, you might be wondering what it all has to do with "Survival* 2447 Style on nil to nothing". Okay, let's say that you make a submission to the Street Voices Newsletter, it's accepted and nets you a \$10 gift card to Micky D's (your choice). Dilemma, Dilemma, Dilemma...What to do?...What to do? You practice "Survival* 2447 Style on nil to nothing". How? Let's see...over time that \$10 card will allow you to purchase either (3) \$3 Breakfast Bundles or several cups of coffee/tea or (2) \$3.99 Bundles. Right off you are able to get 2-3 HOT meals and/or several HOT beverages to drink, along with being out of the cold while you are eating. Or, if you really want a bigger bang for your buck, you (or someone on your behalf) can download the Micky D's app, which rewards you with a free order of large fries/minimum purchase of \$1 (hint: can anyone say "May I have a small coffee, please?") or register a birthday (more deals and free food) or complete the survey from a receipt, get the validation code and within 30 days you can "Buy One Get One Any Sandwich (actual or lesser value)" or you can keep checking the app for continuing deals and free food. (BTW, these are painless ways to feed someone who is hungry). One or Two entries accepted for the Street Voices Newsletter will definitely help to supplement your or someone else's access to HOT food and/ or HOT beverages. And for the record, this is not an endorsement of Micky D's or any other food establishment; it is just an example of how to survive on nil to nothing...while also caring for your fellow man (*survival: manage(ing) to continue or exist in spite of difficult circumstances; @"collinsdictionary.com")

In Peace with a side order of Compassion, ~The Inpho Ladie~