

Faith and Funnies

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The month of March has just blown in to say that Spring will soon begin.

March roars in like a lion, with a bluster and a slam! And tiptoes out gently like a quiet little lamb.

How much does it cost pirates to get their ears pierced?



About a buccaneer!

What do dentists call their x-rays?



Tooth pics!

This just in: Police have confirmed that the man who fell from the roof of the night club was not a bouncer.



What do you call a bullet proof Irishman?

Rick O'Shea



I accidentally drank some invisible ink! I am now in the hospital waiting to be seen.



I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT
PANTS TO PUT ON TODAY:
SMARTY OR FANCY

If the person who named
Walkie Talkies named
everything

Stamps - Lickie Stickie
Defibrillators - Hearty Starty
Bumble bees - Fuzzy Buzzy
Pregnancy test - Maybe Baby
Fork - Stabby Grabby
Socks - Feetie Heatie
Hippo - Floatie Bloatie
Nightmare - Screamy Dreamy



Ash Wednesday

written by Marla Carter

It seems as though we just celebrated Christmas, and here we are approaching the Easter season. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season, a 40 day period of preparing our hearts for Easter. In some traditions, Christians “give up” something for Lent as a way to focus on Christ giving His life for us on the cross. Some people give up chocolate, or sodas, or television. The idea is to give up something you enjoy so that every time you think about what it is you’re missing, you are reminded of Christ and His suffering.

The word Lent comes from a Germanic word that means “spring cleaning.” I really like that. It helps me to think of this season as a time to clean my life and my heart from things that get in the way of my devotion to Christ. Lent can help me do a spring cleaning of my heart and get rid of things that are dirty and displeasing to the Father.

The main tradition associated with A Wednesday is the receiving of ashes on your forehead in the shape of the cross. In the Catholic church, the ashes used for this occasion are from the previous year’s Palm Sunday palms. One Ash Wednesday many years ago, I was a teacher at a Lutheran school. In our chapel service, we all wrote down on a piece of paper sins that we confessed to the Lord. Our papers were gathered up and set on fire, and the resulting ashes were used to mark our foreheads with the cross. I always liked that symbolism. Jesus took our sins and eradicated them on the cross. If you’ve ever burned coal, you know it burns dirty and leaves a sooty, ashy residue. But when Jesus takes our sins, He cleanses us so that we are whiter than snow.

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“Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51:7-11

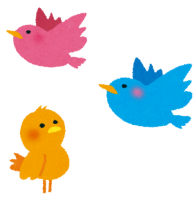
Ashes are also associated with mourning and repenting over sin. Daniel 9:3 says, “Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.” They also remind us of our mortality. “All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.” Ecclesiastes 3:20

Ashes are dirty. They have to be cleaned out of fireplaces regularly. Lent is a season of spring cleaning, ridding our lives of the dirty ashes of sin, complacency, and selfishness. It’s a time to remember that the only way we can ever be truly clean spiritually is through the death of Christ on the cross. His sacrifice is the only way we can be made righteous before a holy God. So whether or not you officially observe the practices of Ash Wednesday or the Lenten season, take time to ponder the mysterious love of our God--that He would send His only Son to redeem us and make us His children.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16-17

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10





Spring is Almost Here!

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