



The House of 1000 Mirrors

Japanese folktale

Long ago in a small, far away village, there was place known as the House of 1000 Mirrors. A small, happy little dog learned of this place and decided to visit.

When he arrived, he bounced happily up the stairs to the doorway of the house. He looked through the doorway with his ears lifted high and his tail wagging as fast as it could.

To his great surprise, he found himself staring at 1000 other happy little dogs with their tails wagging just as fast as his. He smiled a great smile, and was answered with 1000 great smiles just as warm and friendly. As he left the House, he thought to himself, "This is a wonderful place. I will come back and visit it often."

In this same village, another little dog, who was not quite as happy as the first one, decided to visit the house. He slowly climbed the stairs and hung his head low as he looked into the door. When he saw the 1000 unfriendly looking dogs staring back at him, he growled at them and was horrified to see 1000 little dogs growling back at him. As he left, he thought to himself, "That is a horrible place, and I will never go back there again."

All the faces in the world are mirrors. What kind of reflections do you see in the faces of the people you meet?

Weekly Giggle

A man had a habit of grumbling at the food his wife placed before him at family meals. Then he would ask the blessing.

One day after his usual combination complaint-prayer, his little girl asked, "Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?"

"Why, of course," he replied. "He hears us every time we pray."

She pauses on this a moment, and asked, "Does he hear everything we say the rest of the time?"

"Yes, dear, every word," he replied, encouraged that he had inspired his daughter to be curious about spiritual matters.

However, his pride was quickly turned to humility...
"Then which does God believe?"

SAIN'TS FUN FACTS

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WHILE SAINT DOROTHY LAY DYING, MARTYRED FOR HER FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, A PAGAN LAWYER CRUELLY MOCKED HER SAYING THAT SHE SHOULD SEND HIM "SOME APPLES OR ROSES FROM HEAVEN" SINCE THEY WERE BOTH CURRENTLY OUT-OF-SEASON IN THE MIDST OF WINTER AND IMPOSSIBLE TO GET. SAINT DOROTHY JUST SMILED AND DIED.

THE LAWYER WAS EXTREMELY SHOCKED LATER THAT DAY WHEN A SMALL CHILD APPEARED AT HIS FRONT DOOR WITH THREE FRESHLY PICKED APPLES AND THREE FRESHLY PICKED ROSES.

THE LAWYER BECAME A CHRISTIAN AND LATER DIED A MARTYR AS WELL.



Upcoming Events

- 10/24-10/28: Red Ribbon Days
- Fri. 10/29: Saint Attire procession
Grandparents' Day
- Mon. 11/1: All Saints Mass 10AM
- Tue. 11/2: Spirit Attire Day
- Fri. 11/5: No school. Faculty inservice
- Sun. 11/7: Daylight Savings Time ends
- Wed. 11/10: Picture Make-up Day
- Thu. 11/11: Veterans' Day program 12:30 PM
- Sat. 11/13: SJB Goes Dancing with the Stars

Halloween and its Christian Roots

When you think of Halloween, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. But do you know the Christian connection to the holiday?

The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead—including ghosts, goblins and witches—returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires.



When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider—traditions which may sound familiar to you. But where does the Christian aspect of the holiday come into play? In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallows' Even or "holy evening." Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween. On November 2, the Church celebrates All Souls Day.



The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of the "communion of saints," which reminds us that the Church is not bound by space or time.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that through the communion of saints "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (#1475).

Congratulations!

... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.

<i>Nouns part 1</i>			
Izabelle	Cade		
<i>Little House Ch. 4</i>			
Daphne	Ethan	John	Izabelle
<i>Math 2B</i>			
Daphne	Spencer	Bryan	John
Alyssa	Roisin	Zachary	Matthew
Francine	Izabelle	Michael	Gabriel
Alex	Jason		
<i>Science Unit A Ch. 2</i>			
Daphne	Bryan	Cade	Francine
Izabelle	Madeleine		
<i>Spelling</i>			
Jalen	Emily	Nicholas	Hannah
John	Riley	Cade	Megan
Francine	Liandra	Alex	Madeleine
Michael	Charlene	Roisin	Cameron
Matthew	George	Alyssa	Bryan
Jorge	Daphne	Augustin	Ethan
<i>Vocabulary</i>			
Ethan	Riley	Alyssa	Roisin
George	Liandra	Alex	Madeleine

Upcoming Tests

Religion	Ch. 3	Mon. 11/1
Reading	Little House Ch. 5	Wed. 10/20
Spelling + Vocab		Friday 10/22
Math	Ch. 2C	Thu. 10/21
Science	Unit A, Ch. 3	Thu. 10/28
Language	Nouns part 2	Tue. 10/19
Soc. Studies, Spanish, Music, Comp.		Check Planner

