

FAITH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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"Preparing for Christmas III"

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1. December 26 which the secular society calls 'boxing day', the Church celebrates the martyr:
 - a. St. Lawrence;
 - b. St. Noella;
 - c. St. Stephen.
 - d. St. Natalie.

2. We celebrate St. John on December 27. This is:
 - a. St. John, the Apostle and Gospel Writer;
 - b. St. John, the Baptist;
 - c. St. John of Bethlehem;
 - d. St. John, the King of Bohemia .

3. On December 28, we celebrate a group of martyrs together. They are:
 - a. The Martyrs of Korea;
 - b. The Martyrs of Rome;
 - c. The Holy Innocents;
 - d. The Holy Canadian Martyrs

4. Another famous English martyr is celebrated on December 29. His name is:
 - a. St. Thomas Becket;
 - b. St. Thomas More;
 - c. St. John Fisher ;
 - d. St. Edward, King of England .

5. On December 31 (New Year's Eve), the Church celebrates St. Sylvester. He was:
 - a. a German martyr;
 - b. a Jesuit priest;
 - c. a Franciscan monk;
 - d. a Pope.

6. For Catholics, January 1 (New Year's Day),
 - a. is a Holy Day of obligation;
 - b. is only a secular observance;
 - c. is a Day of spiritual renewal;
 - d. is a day for obligatory Confession.

7. On New Year's Day, Catholics celebrate:
 - a. the Feast of Lights ;
 - b. the Feast of the Holy Family;
 - c. the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God;
 - d. the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

8. In Canada, we celebrate the Epiphany on the closest Sunday to the Feastday, which is on,
- a. January 7;
 - b. January 6;
 - c. January 10;
 - d. December 30.
9. One of the Magi who visited Jesus on the day of Epiphany was named:
- a. Ahmed;
 - b. Balthassar;
 - c. Arian;
 - d. Melchizedek.
10. The English word, 'Epiphany' comes from a Greek word which literally means:
- a. a celebration;
 - b. a day of gift giving;
 - c. a royal visit;
 - d. a manifestation.
11. One of the Magi offered Jesus frankincense which is usually offered,
- a. to a poor person;
 - b. to God or to His Priests;
 - c. to a person of strong Faith;
 - d. to a King.
12. The third gift of the Magi was 'myrrh'. This is:
- a. an expensive fragrant perfume;
 - b. a collection of priceless objects;
 - c. a fragrant oil offered to Kings and Queens;
 - d. an ointment used to anoint the bodies of the dead.

CORRECT ANSWERS

1. **c.** St. Stephen was the first martyr. This is why his feastday is so close to Christmas.
2. **a.** St John the Apostle is "the one Jesus loved" according to the Gospel. Therefore his feastday is also close to Christmas.
3. **c.** King Herod out of jealousy had all male children under 2 years old, killed
4. **a.** He was murdered in his own Cathedral by the knights of King Henry II of England.
5. **d.** He died in Rome on January 31, 285 A.D.
6. **a.** This means that Catholics have the obligation of attending Mass on New Year's Day.
7. **c.** After celebrating the birth of Jesus, we honour His mother, Mary on January 1.
8. **b.** In most of the Catholic world it is still observed on the same day each year, which is January 6, but not in Canada.
9. **b.** The other two were, Caspar and Melchior. All are Arabic names.
10. **d.** It is the day that Jesus manifested Himself not only to the people of Israel but to the peoples of the world, represented by the visitors from the East, who brought Him gifts.
11. **b.** Jesus was both the Son of God and the eternal High Priest Who offered His life for the salvation of all peoples.
12. **d.** It was given to remind us that this child would one day, die on the cross to save us.