

Jake's Jabbers



All of a sudden the lights have gone out. An eerie feeling and disconnection has descended. The cacophony of life has become a huddled existence and we suddenly discover ourselves in seclusion.

These past few weeks in dealing with the Coronavirus switched us onto another track of living entirely. A path in directions we haven't been on for decades. Extracurricular activities have been extinguished. Running out and buying "conveniences" to serve our cluttered lifestyles have been diminished if not completely eliminated.

From my poochie point of view, it reminds me of daylight and darkness. One day I'm running around the yard with the sun warm on my bob-tail; the next day it's, "Where the heck is my dog bowl? Turn on the light!" We can get caught up in "shining" too much with our busyness without allowing a balance of darkness or reflection time. Sometimes it's only while in the shadows when we can grow into a stronger, solid, more soulful version of ourselves.

And isn't it ironic this introspective existence is falling during the season of Lent? Yes, Fish Fry season will be drooly missed. Cancelled Days of Reflections and other events preparing us for the season of Alleluias will unfortunately be unattended. But perhaps this year is the year to do our own preparations at home, becoming comfortable with our own thoughts and spending time growing closer to our family. Perhaps personal time with ourselves will be a time to get to know our own hearts in preparation for Easter.

So do not be afraid during this dark passage. Take the time to prepare for the Life-giving Light of Easter and to share your own light with others. Just like the sun allows life to sprout from the dark, we, too, spread our wings and light - and lighten - the world around us.

Some things I've read and reflections I've made during this quarantine...

- *Sunshine is a natural disinfectant & natural antifungal. Get outside and burn off those germs the natural way!
- *While we're disinfecting light switches, don't forget the keys and cell phones- and my dog leash.
- *You humans might need to share your toilet paper. Us environmental-friendly canines do it Mother Nature's way.
- *Apparently, frozen pizza and ice cream cure Coronavirus. Oh, and did I mention toilet paper?
- *While self-quarantined, listen to a Poochini opera and revel in the gift of God's creativity through humankind.
- *For folks who grabbed the 40 bottles of hand sanitizer and left the shelves empty this past Thursday, remember, you need other people to be healthy, too.
- *Keep in touch with each other and discover the old concept of actually *talking* to one another.

Jake's Jokes



What sound does a nut make when it sneezes? **Ca-shew!**

Why did the computer go to the doctor? **Because it had a virus!**

What sound does bubble gum make when it sneezes? **Chew!**