


My favorite vacation in the world is going to the beach (cruises are a very close second). Anyways, so this summer at the beach, WHILE on the sand on top of my towel, I was reading 2 catholic things that related being on the beach!

First, I was reading about Saint Lawrence (whose feast day is over the SUMMER) and he's known for being a martyr who was burned to death. But interestingly, he had such great faith and joy, that he's known for saying, "I'm done on this side, so turn me over" while he was being burned. How does this relate to the beach? We're getting sun burned! And I was on my towel able to

turn over  May we burn for Him for always burns with love for us. And may we follow Saint Lawrence's example to have such great faith and joy and humor!

Secondly, I was reading *Evidential Power of Beauty* by Father Thomas Dubay. He quoted science research saying that in all the known galaxies in our universe, there are more planets and stars, than all the grains of sand in all the beaches of the world put together. And the best resource of all time (said sarcastically), Wikipedia says that there's 400,000 grains of sand in a handful in itself. So imagine how many grains of sand there are in all the beaches put together. How does THIS relate to our faith? Well, God loves US so much that he spent so much time creating our incredible universe for our sakes for us to enjoy and appreciate. And of course, the gift of the universe leads us to the Giver.

Praise by Jesus Christ, the Giver of all good things, and who burns with passionate love for us!