Here’s a few basic terms you’ll want to know before you done a mask and head out for your first Carnival experience.

* **Mardi Gras**. This is French for “Fat Tuesday”, a reference to the fact that Mardi Gras always is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent in the Catholic faith. Because the 40 days of Lent are considered a somber period of sacrifice, Fat Tuesday is seen by many as an appropriate time for