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Fun and Serious=1-13-24

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* ††† **Humor for today** ††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

You know it will be a day to carry your cross when...

You jump out of bed in the morning and miss the floor.

The bird singing outside your window is a vulture.

Your horn gets stuck when you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.

You get to work, and a 60 Minutes news team is waiting in your office.

Your twin forgets it is your birthday.

Your doctor tells you that you are allergic to chocolate.

Your boss tells you not to bother to remove your coat.

Your blind date turns out to be your ex.

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

I wanted to buy half a rabbit, but the butcher didn't want to split hares.

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The neighbor said that when he went to church, the pastor announced that their prison quartet would be singing the following evening. He wasn't aware there was a prison in the vicinity, and he looked forward to hearing them. The next evening, he was puzzled when four members of the church approached the stage. Then the pastor introduced them. "This is our prison quartet," he said, "behind a few bars and always looking for the key."

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Saint Anthony Mary Claret wrote in his autobiography the following thoughts on the virtue of humility.

I would often repeat St. Augustine's prayer, "May I know thee; may I know myself," and St. Francis's "Who art thou and who am I?" And I could imagine the Lord telling me, "I am who am, and you are who are not; you are nothing and less than nothing, since nothingness has not sinned and you have."

I have recognized quite clearly that all that I call truly my own is sin. If I am or have anything else, I have received it all from God. My physical being is not mine, it comes from God. He it is who created me, keeps me in being, and, through physical concurrence, sets me in motion. Without water, not even the best built water mill can turn; I have come to know that this is true of me even in my physical and natural being.

The same is all the more true in the spiritual and supernatural orders. I realize that I cannot call upon the name of Jesus, nor have a single good thought, without the help of God. For without Him I can do absolutely nothing. Yet, despite all I know, how many distractions I have!

I know that in the order of grace I am like a man who can throw himself into a deep pit but cannot get out again by his own efforts. So it is with me; I can sin but can't get out of sin without the help of God and the merits of Jesus Christ. I can be damned on my own, but I can't be saved without God's goodness and mercy.

I have come to know that the virtue of humility consists in this: ***in realizing that I am nothing, can do nothing but sin, and depend on God in everything*** – being, conservation, movement, and grace – and I am most happy to be dependent on God rather than on myself.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, pray for us.

Mary, Model of Humility, pray for us.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.