

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

Grandma lives far away, and we do not go to visit her very often. However, we went there on Thanksgiving Day. When Grandma saw me, she said, “Wow! You have grown an extra foot since the last time I saw you.” I replied, “Ah yes, Grandma, I was the only child at the county fair who did not need to be strapped to a partner to run in the 3-legged races. However, I experience great problems when it is necessary to buy new shoes. As you know, they only come with two shoes per box.”

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Dewey goes to the local revival and listens to the preacher. After a while, the preacher asks anyone who needs to be prayed over to come forward to the front at the altar.

Dewey gets in line, and when it’s his turn, the preacher asks, “Dewey, what do you want me to pray about for you?”

Dewey replies: “Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing.”

The preacher puts one finger in Dewey’s ear, and he places the other hand on top of Dewey’s head and prays and prays.

After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands, stands back, and asks: “Dewey, how is your hearing now?”

Dewey says, “I don’t know, Parson, it ain’t until next Wednesday.”

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I’m friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don’t know Y.

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Martin was a slow-working employee and found it difficult to hold a job. Finally, he found work at the Zoo. The zookeeper, aware of his reputation, assigned him to the tortoise section.

Later, the zookeeper dropped by and found Martin standing by an empty enclosure.

“Where are the tortoises?” the zookeeper asked.

“I can’t believe it!” said Martin. “I just opened the door, and then ... Whoooooosh!”

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*(November 26, 2023, is the Last Sunday after Pentecost, and the Gospel is taken from the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew. You can find sermons using this hyperlink [https://jmjsite.com/24th\\_after\\_Pentecost.html](https://jmjsite.com/24th_after_Pentecost.html).*

You are encouraged to pray the Christmas prayer 15 times every day from the feast of Saint Andrew (November 30) each day until Christmas:

“Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Blessed Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petitions, through the merits of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.”

As the humor above says, “Lif is too short,” – and indeed, life is very short compared to eternity. Nevertheless, what we do during each moment of life depends upon where we will spend our eternity! Remember that many, many souls will die today, they will receive their Particular Judgment, and the greater number of them will go to hell for eternity because we did not pray and sacrifice for them as much as we could have and should have done! This is a good Sunday to reflect upon death, judgment, heaven, hell, and eternity.

Here is a link to some reflections about eternity: <https://jmjsite.com/eternity-and-salvation.pdf>. Ask yourself how many dots the size of the period at the end of this sentence would it take to fill in an 8.5” x 11” piece of

paper. Obviously, it would take thousands of little dots that size to fill the paper. Next, consider how many pieces of paper 8.5” x 11” it would take to cover the space where you are now located. Next, go outside, where you can see for many miles in about every direction. How many little tiny dots would it take to cover that area? Always remember that you, I, and every created human being will have enough time in eternity to cover that area even if we only put one little dot in place every thousands of years apart! Where will you and I be for eternity? That depends upon how much sanctifying grace we have in our souls the moment we die. We can increase in sanctifying grace every hour by various means – one of them being true and fervent prayer.

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