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Pun and Serious=12-16-23

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

Teacher: What is the value of Pi? Student: Depends on what pie. Usually, it is \$12.99.

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Five out of six people agree that Russian Roulette is safe.

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Q. How much room is needed for fungi to grow? A. As mushroom as possible.

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Where do cows go on Friday night? To the MOOOOOvies.

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Q. Why are mountains not just funny? A. They are also hill areas.

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Q. Why are conspiracy theories like moon landings? A. Because they are all fake.

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You can find sermons for the third Sunday of Advent using this hyperlink,

<https://jmjsite.com/Third%20of%20advent.html>

Observe the Fast and Abstinence Laws on the Ember Days. Three days for special prayers and penances.

Religion is “a Moral Virtue which disposes us to give to God the worship that is due to Him as the Supreme Lord of all.” Religion does not reach the dignity of a Theological Virtue, since its immediate object is, not God Himself, but the worship due to God. Nevertheless, it is the highest of the Moral Virtues, since it has more direct relation to God than any other Moral Virtue. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

The *Interior* and Principal Acts of Religion are Devotion and Prayer. The *Exterior* and Secondary Acts of Religion are of three kinds: (1) Those by which the body is offered to God; Adoration (2), those by which some exterior thing is (a) offered or (b) promised to God; and these are (a) Sacrifices, Oblations, First-fruits, Tithes, (b) Vows. (3) Those by which something Divine – the Sacraments or the Name of God – is used by man. The Name of God is used by Religion (1) to confirm one’s words; Oaths, (2) to move others; Abjuration, (3) in Invocation.

We shall say much, and yet shall want words: but the sum of our words is, He is all. What shall we be able to do to glorify him? for the Almighty himself is above all his works. The Lord is terrible, and exceeding great, and his power is admirable. Glorify the Lord as much as ever you can, for he will yet far exceed, and his magnificence is wonderful. Blessing the Lord, exalt him as much as you can: for he is above all praise. When you exalt him put forth all your strength, and be not weary: for you can never go far enough. Who shall see him, and declare him? and who shall magnify him as he is from the beginning? (Ecclesiasticus 43, 29 – 35.)

Serve ye the Lord with fear: and rejoice unto him with trembling. Embrace discipline.

In all thy ways think on Him, and He will direct thy steps.

Religion pure and undefiled in the sight of God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

You shall call upon Me, and you shall go: and you shall pray to Me, and I will hear you. You shall seek Me, and shall find Me, when you shall seek Me with all your heart.

Before prayer prepare thy soul, and be not as a man that tempteth God.

Cry to Me, and I will hear thee; and I will show thee great things, and sure things which thou knowest not.

I will that men pray in every place, lifting up your hands without anger and contention.

Ask what thou wilt that I should give thee.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found: call upon Him while He is near.

We ought always to pray, and not to faint.