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

“Here is a king!” announced a three-year-old as he unwrapped a figurine from the Nativity scene. “And here is a donkey!” he added while unpacking. Removing tissue from the statue of the infant, molded permanently in his manger, the child exclaimed, “Here is Baby Jesus in his car seat!”

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Knock knock. Who’s there? Anna. Anna who? Anna partridge in a pear tree!

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

Knock knock. Who’s there? Harold. Harold who? Hark the Harold Angels Sing!

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

Why did the Christmas tree go to the doctor? It was looking a little green.

††† *Jesus Mary Joseph* †††

What weighs less, a pound of mistletoe or a pound of pine needles? Neither, they both weigh one pound.

†††JMJ††† **This is Serious** †††JMJ†††

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

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

You can find sermons for Christmas Day using this hyperlink,

<https://jmjsite.com/Christmas.html>

Christmas Eve or Christmas Day will be a very excellent time for everyone to listen to this audio recording explaining the true meaning of the greatest event that ever happened in the history of the world – the Incarnation – <https://www.jmjsite.com/a/47/Incarnation.mp3>

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I will here be bold and offer Christmas/Epiphany gift suggestions that should continue as long as we live: To the Child Jesus – adoration and obedience, the gold of love, the frankincense of prayer, the myrrh of modification and penance.

To the Blessed Virgin Mary – true devotion, childlike love, and confidence.

To Saint Joseph – veneration and imitation of how he loved and took care of Jesus and Mary.

To your Guardian Angel – prayer and very frequent remembrance of his presence and power.

To your enemy – forgiveness.

To an opponent – tolerance.

To a friend – your heart.

To a customer – service.

To every child – be a good example in all of your words and actions.

To yourself – respect.

To all – prayers and true charity in loving your neighbor as yourself for the love of God.

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Let us be resolved to make our Christmas a holy day with Jesus Christ instead of a holiday without Him. Be resolved to observe Christmas as the birthday of Christ, not merely as a day to give and receive merchandise, to help at least one poor family in honor of the Holy Family of Bethlehem.

Let us do our part to bring Christ back into Christmas. Why should we use the pagan symbols of Santa and his reindeer instead of the star, the stable, and the crib? Remember that the Christmas Season only begins late on Christmas Eve and ends on February 2. It is sad that most people in the world have been so affected by commercialism that, for them, the Christmas Season ends on the very day that it actually begins. Let us do our part to bring the world back to the correct celebration of the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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PATHWAYS TO PEACE. This booklet explains in a very important way what the angels meant when they sang: “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill.*” The second part sums up the reason why Jesus came to earth – to bring peace to men of goodwill. I found this booklet very interesting, well-explained, and consoling. Nothing should take away our peace! It explains why every cross, contradiction, and trial in our lives should bring us real peace – if only we understand it. During this past year, millions of people on earth, and a good number of those whom I know personally, have lost their beloved spouse, parents, or their children. Others have lost their good name, reputation, and jobs or seemingly lost a lot in a court case. Others have had their property stolen, or those who owe them money refused to pay, or they suffered great financial losses. Others that we all know are suffering from health issues and other pains and sorrows.

Oh! If all these people only understood the message of the angels on Christmas night: PEACE to men of goodwill – how differently they would gain eternal merit and increase in sanctifying grace from their trials. Nothing that can happen to us should take away our PEACE! If only we lived by faith, hope, and charity, we would have PEACE no matter the trials and crosses God sends us – no matter what happens to us during our entire life! In some ways, it seems quite sad that even Catholics do not understand what they need to do to have PEACE – regardless of the circumstances in their life! The booklet has a Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur; and copyright, 1946. Second edition, October, 1950. One MP3 file read by PH. [http://www.jmjsite.com/y/a/pathways\\_to\\_peace.mp3](http://www.jmjsite.com/y/a/pathways_to_peace.mp3)

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I extend to each of you my desire that you have a holy, blessed, and grace-filled Christmas. May this Holy Christmas Season bring to each of us a much deeper peace, love, joy, happiness, and the living of our lives in perfect uniformity with God’s Most Holy Will. I pray that each of us will truly fulfill the purpose for which God created us, and for which Jesus became Man. May Jesus bring to each of us the graces we need to properly and worthily celebrate His birthday. May the Holy Trinity, the Holy Family, the Holy Angels, and the Holy Souls intercede for us to obtain every grace we need to live and die in the true Church in the state of sanctifying grace, having obtained that degree of holiness it is God’s most holy will that we obtain.

Ora pro nobis,  
Patrick Henry