

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

The humor section for Holy Week is not funny – but a mere truth. The Church wants us to keep holy the whole of Holy Week, but we do not even keep holy the whole of a Holy Hour!

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You can find sermons for various days of Holy Week at <https://jmjsite.com/Holy%20Week.html>. You are encouraged to make a least one Holy Hour after Holy Thursday devotions in union with Jesus in His Agony in the Garden. Remember that Jesus told the Apostles to watch and pray. When they did not do so then Jesus asked St. Peter and the other Apostles, “Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Here is a link that you might want to use for your Holy Hour meditations: <https://jmjsite.com/holyhour-holythursday-goodfriday.pdf>

This is an important link for a PDF copy of the Good Friday meditations on the Seven Last Words: https://jmjsite.com/good_friday_meditations-7_last_words.pdf

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Some friends on my email list sent me a copy of a video they made for their Lenten meditations, which includes showing some pictures and things in their home. It contains some good reflections to meditate on the sufferings of Jesus Christ. Here is the link for about a 10-minute video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15tAD-nn4gBee-vsM9MLxkpbtrQfyVdAl/view?usp=drivesdk>.

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The Lesson of Calvary

It is possible to know much about the sufferings of Jesus and yet know little of the Sufferer. To know Him Who suffered, we must try to penetrate deeper. We must consider the interior of Jesus. We must consider the soul of our Savior. It is the heart of Jesus that attracts us to love. We must contemplate that Sacred Heart.

Let us enter into the mystery of Calvary. Let us know more about the Sufferer. In what spirit did Jesus bear His pains? What was the attitude of the soul of Jesus, as He hung on the cross? What was the disposition that was expressed by His willing suffering unto death? What object had Jesus in view?

The Catholic Church tells us that Our Lord suffered and died to satisfy for sin and to open heaven. “For *us* men, and for *our* salvation, He came down from heaven.” And again: “He was crucified for *us*.” “Jesus Christ, Who hath loved *us*, and washed *us* from *our* sins in His own blood.” “He bore *our* sins in His body on the tree,” says St. Peter. Jesus atoned for *our* sins by His death. Calvary was a satisfaction for sin.

We are God’s creatures and, by grace, we are God’s adopted children, or at least we have the power to become His children. Hence our disposition before Him should be a disposition of filial dependence, of childlike subjection. Our acts, our life should be governed and directed by the *fundamental truth that we are creatures of God and children of God*, that God is our Father – we should live in loving dependence on Him.

Mortal sin is the very opposite of this loving dependence. In every mortal sin, (a) we turn away from God, and (b) we turn to some created satisfaction, which we prefer to the divine will.

In a single act of mortal sin we find, therefore *a double evil*. First, mortal sin is a turning away from God; it is a refusal to be obedient to Him from Whom we receive existence, and Who keeps us in existence each moment; it is a practical rejection of the first consequence of our position of dependence on the Most High; it is an act of disobedience to God, Who is not only our Creator but also our Father Who, in His goodness, has opened to us the entry into His own happiness.

Turning away from God by refusing to be subject to Him is the *fundamental malice* of mortal sin; because God is the source of man’s existence, of his preservation and being, and of his final happiness. God is man’s first beginning, and He is man’s last end.

The fundamental meditation theme of the liturgy of the Catholic Church during Holy Week is that of keeping forever before our minds the obedience of Jesus Christ unto death, even to the death of the cross.

I encourage you to review the true meaning of Calvary from the book *Learn of Me* by Father John Kearney. The chapter on the Lesson of Calvary begins toward the end of tape two, side one, but here are the links for the entire audiobook.

T1S1 <http://www.jmjsite.com/a/48/48t1s1.mp3>

T1S2 <http://www.jmjsite.com/a/48/48t1s2.mp3>

T2S1 <http://www.jmjsite.com/a/48/48t2s1.mp3>

T2S2 <http://www.jmjsite.com/a/48/48t2s2.mp3>

T3S1 <http://www.jmjsite.com/a/48/48t3s1.mp3>

T3S2 <http://www.jmjsite.com/a/48/48t3s2.mp3>

T4S1 <http://www.jmjsite.com/a/48/48t4s1.mp3>

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Have a grace-filled Holy Week.

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