



Happy Birthday!

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LAUGHTER IS GOOD

Whenever I'm disappointed with my situation in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the School play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement... "Guess what, Mom," he shouted. He then said those words that will remain a lesson to me.... "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

A teacher was telling her class about plant names that have the word "dog" in them, such as dog-rose, dogwood, dog violet.

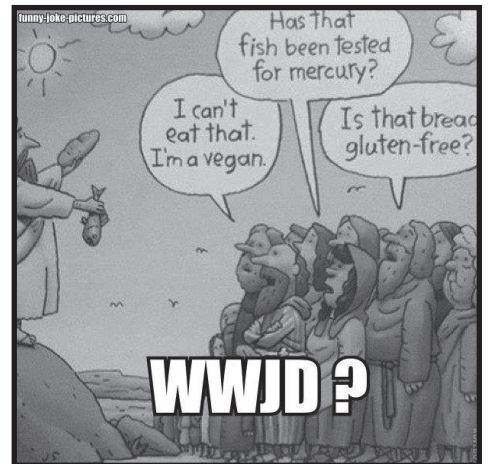
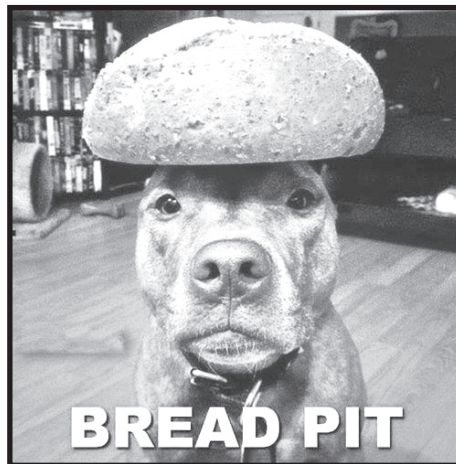
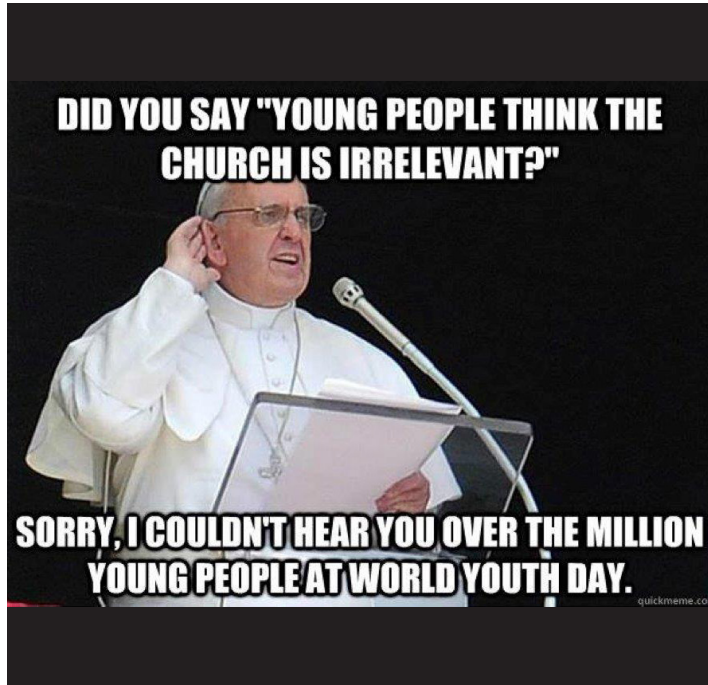
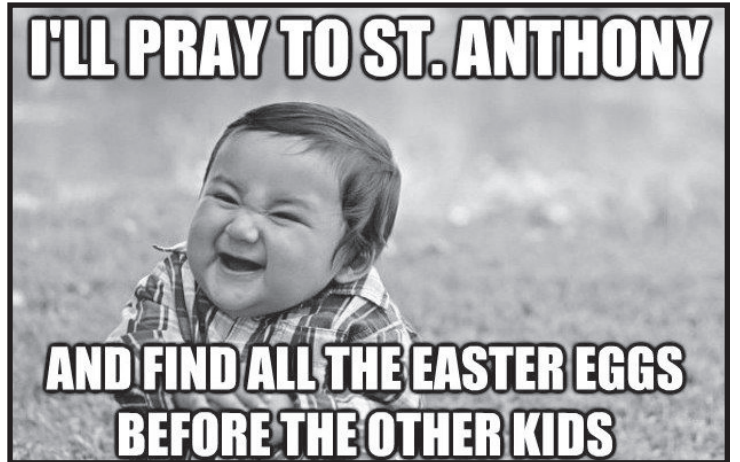
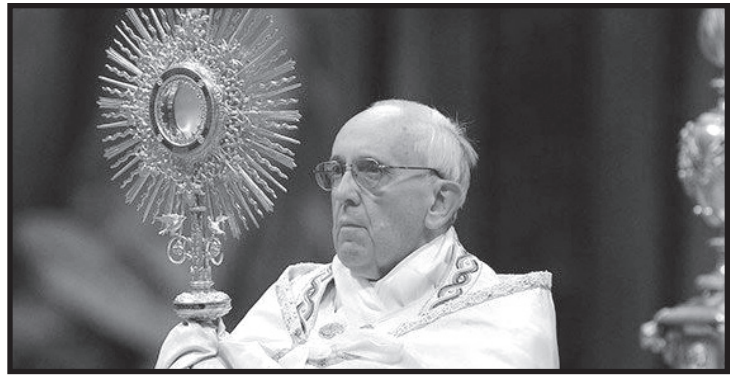
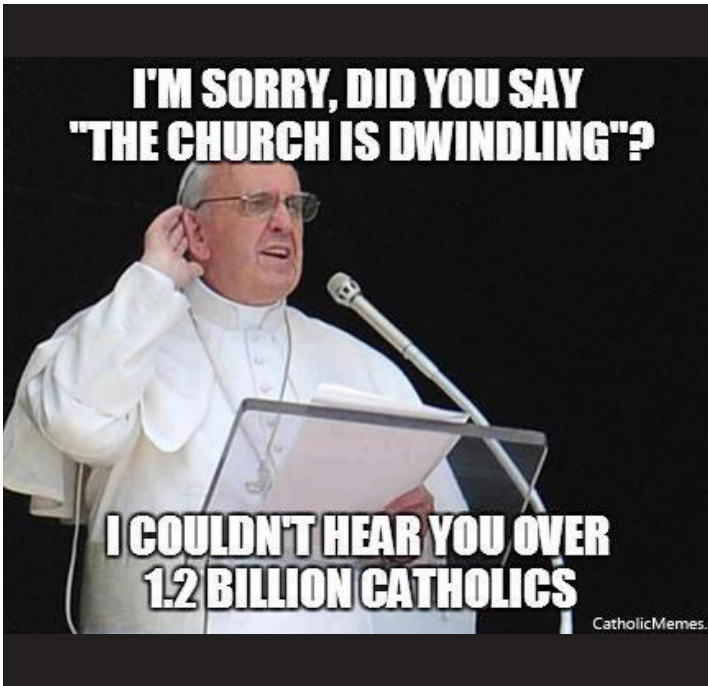
She asked the class if they could name another flower with the preface "dog."

Steven raised his hand and said, "Sure Miss Jones. How about a 'collie' flower?"



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SERMON FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A question. How should you celebrate the day after Easter? Hundreds of years ago a monk claimed to have a divine revelation. He said we should celebrate the next day with laughter. Why? Because God played the best joke in all of history. The devil thought he had won on Good Friday. Jesus was dead. But God had the last laugh on Easter when he raised Jesus from the dead. The monks called it "the Easter laugh." The idea spread rapidly, and the day after Easter became known as a "Day of Joy and Laughter" in homes and churches, it became common to celebrate God's great joke on the devil with joke-telling sessions.

Here is my Easter joke: Satan appeared before a small town congregation. Everyone started screaming and running for the front church door, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away. Soon everyone was gone except for an elderly gentleman who sat calmly. Satan walked up to him and said, "Don't you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

Satan asked, "Aren't you going to run?"

"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."

Another question. Did Jesus celebrate a second Mass while on earth? Yes, He did in the home of Cleophas in the village of Emmaus. In His first Mass at the Last Supper, Jesus taught what the Eucharist is. It is His Body and Blood. At the second Mass, Jesus taught who the Eucharist is. It is Jesus, the entire Jesus, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Glorified Jesus. That is why Jesus vanished from their site when He handed them the bread. Jesus was telling them, "You will no longer see me in human form. You will now find your Lord in the Bread." Jesus will reveal His Presence till the end of time in the breaking of the bread.

"Breaking bread" does not have much meaning to us today. It's already sliced for us. But in the time of Jesus "breaking bread" had several very important meanings. When someone broke bread and gave it to you, it meant the host wanted you to share in God's Blessings. But there are two other very important meanings as well. Breaking bread meant to make peace with another person. When two persons broke bread, they were settling an argument. When God breaks bread with you at Mass, He is saying "You and I are friends. There is no longer any division between us." This custom can go even deeper. Breaking bread was used as a solemn rite to make a stranger part of your family. At Mass Jesus is saying "You are more than just a friend. You are my brother. You are my sister."

I remember one day serving food to the poor in downtown Cincinnati. I was serving mac and cheese for lunch. I gave the last portion to a guy who probably would not have any food for the rest of the day. As I was walking out to grab some fast food for myself, he stopped me. He asked me to sit down with him. He grabbed another plate from the counter. He shoved half his food onto the plate and offered it to me. He said, "Brother, we're all in this together. Let's eat." As Jesus breaks bread with you today, He promises to walk down your road, no matter where it leads. There is no problem too great that Jesus and you can't handle together.