

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

- **On Monday the Fourth of July, please join St. Mary “Knights of Columbus” and our “Prayer Warriors” at 10:00 am to pray the “Patriotic Rosary” for the consecration of our nation.** Each of the mysteries will be prayed for the Presidency, the Supreme Court, the Senate and the House of Representatives, the State Governors, and all County and Municipal Offices. Each “Hail Mary” will be prayed for one of the fifty states; and after each decade, Lynn Turner will lead us in singing a patriotic song. This Rosary will be broadcast on WLRU 106.9 FM at 10:00 a.m.

FR. MIKE’S SERMON FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

People were in their pews talking at church. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church.

Everyone started screaming and running for the exits, except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving.

So Satan walked up to the old man and said, “Don’t you know who I am?”

The man replied, “Yep, sure do.”

“Aren’t you afraid of me?” Satan asked.

“Nope, sure ain’t.” said the man.

“Don’t you realize I can kill with a word?” asked Satan.

“Don’t doubt it for a minute,” returned the old man, in an even tone.

“Did you know that I could cause you profound horrifying, AGONY for all eternity?” persisted Satan.

“Yep,” was the calm reply.

“And you’re still not afraid?” asked Satan.

“Nope,” said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, “Well, why aren’t you afraid of me?”

The man calmly replied, “Been married to your sister for 44 years.”

When Jesus said, “I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky.” Jesus is revealing here an important fact about our existence. The whole universe is in a spiritual warfare of good versus evil. Battles are fought daily between Jesus and Satan. The battle ground is your soul. You have to choose daily either good or evil, right or wrong. In Ephesians 6:12, Paul writes: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but... against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” You have an invisible enemy of evil who wants your destruction. If you don’t believe this then why do you think so many young people are overdosing on heroin today? I have seen pictures of those who died this way and in almost every picture you will see a satanic tattoo inked on their body.

How does this evil force attack you? First, Satan wants you to think you are the worst person ever. Did you know one of the names in the Bible for Satan is “the Accuser.” He wants you to believe there is no hope of God loving you, forgiving you, or healing you. You might as well give up in despair because you aren’t worthy of the air you breath. It is this mindset that leads people to addictions, trying to find comfort in ways that only destroy you. Satan is the “Father of Lies” and his biggest lie is “it must be right because it feels so good.”

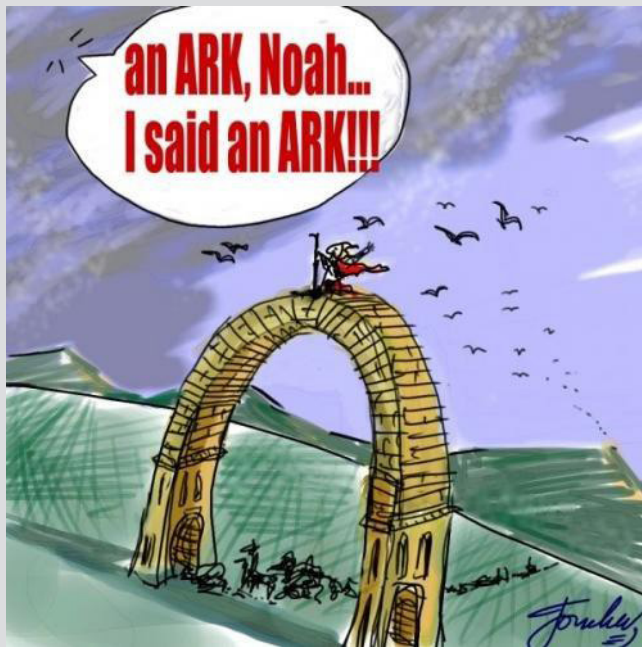
Second, Satan attacks by getting you to doubt God’s goodness. I fought this battle every day at Children’s Hospital. “If God is so good, why does my child have cancer?” You begin to doubt God’s goodness when you start asking the “why” questions: “why am I the only one to have so many physical problems” or “why is life so hard for me and easy for others?” Satan has a golden throne called the “pity pot” custom made just for you. Don’t sit on it.

How do we fight back? First, rebuke Satan using the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus, fearlessly used to command Satan to depart, is very powerful. I have witnessed this not only in the exorcisms I have done, but also in my personal struggles against evil. Use the Archangel Michael prayer for protection. Prayer is the bleach that washes away Satan’s dirt.

Second, the Bible says, “Put on the full armor of God” (Ephesians 6:11) Here is a list of armor:

- The belt of truth. The truth is there is nothing that you have ever done that will separate you from God’s Love. God wills to forgive even your worst sin.
- The breast plate of righteousness. God sees you as worthy of his Love. Don’t let the devil use “Catholic Guilt” to make you think otherwise.
- The shield of faith. Believe God loves you when everything in your life says the opposite. Your sufferings are opportunities for God to Love you even more.
- The helmet of salvation. The helmet protects the head where we think. Put on the mind of Jesus. When you think like Jesus, you will act like Jesus. Don’t let Satan’s lies mess with your head.
- The sword of the Spirit. That’s the Bible. When was the last time you read your Bible in your home? It drives Satan nuts when you use the Word of God to fight him. Jesus did this when Satan tempted Him in the dessert. The Word of God makes Satan cringe like scratching fingernails on a chalk board.

The elderly guy wasn’t afraid of Satan. Neither should you be.

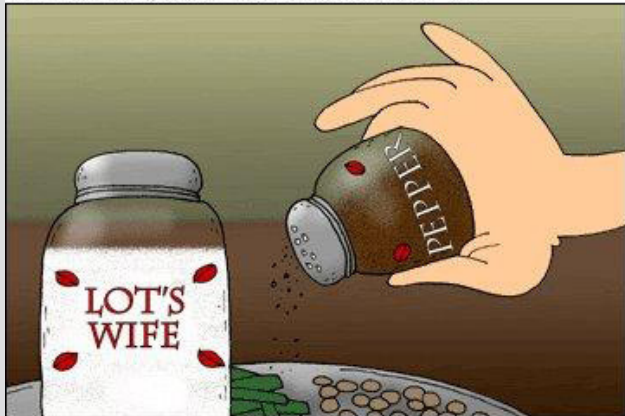


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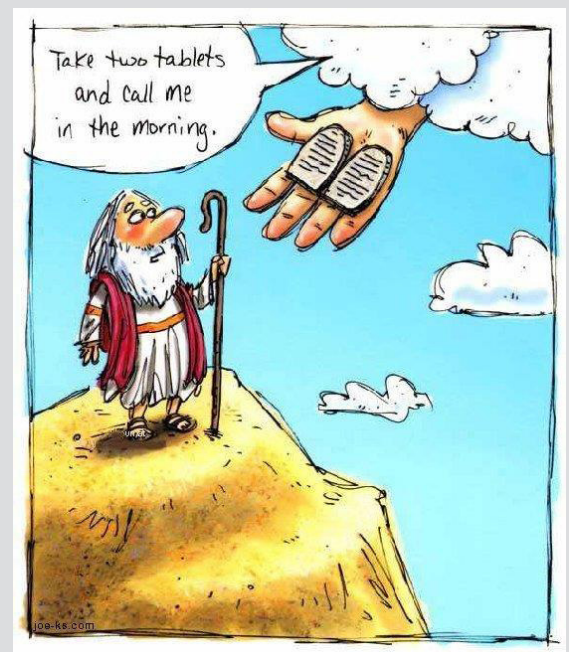
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 OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

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