

The Lord's Laughter

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing,"
Psalm 2:4

Humor for the hard times

A woman in Gonzales, LA, attended the funeral of a prominent man in the community, and listened to the preacher carry on about all the wonderful attributes of the deceased, "while everyone knew of his shady other side."

When the preacher finished his glowing sermon, the town drunk stood up and said, "Now, I've got something to say..."

"That man was ushered out of the church faster than you can say Jack Daniels!" the woman recalled.

— Columnist Smiley Anders
Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

"I wasn't allowed to say anything until today, but it's now okay for me to share that I have volunteered for the COVID-19 vaccine trials that a local Hospital are running in partnership with Pfizer. It's important that we all do our part to beat this virus.

"The vaccine is the one that has been developed in Russia.

"I received my first dose this morning 6:20 a.m., and I wanted to let you all know that it's completely safe, with no side effects whatsoever, and that I feelshki я чувю себя немного стрно и я думаю, что вытл осные уши. чувствую себя немго страо'.

— via Bishop David Francoeur
Palm City, FL

A man went to his doctor for a check-up on his hearing aids. The doctor asked, "How did your family like your new hearing aids?"

"I haven't told them yet," the man replied.

"How come?" the doctor asked.

"Well, I decided to wait and just listen to them talking," the man said.

"So, what did you hear?" the doctor asked.

"I've decided to change my will three times already," the man answered.

— Helen Helt
Oneida, NY

A man and his pastor went golfing. After a bad shot, the man cussed colorfully, and then apologized to the pastor.

The pastor told his friend that was OK, because when he hit a bad shot he didn't say anything. He would "just spit – and where he spit, grass didn't grow."

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A woman was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep.

After the service, she turned to a very sleepy-looking gentleman sitting in a nearby pew, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn."

Without a moment's hesitation, the man replied, "You're not the only one, ma'am, I'm glad he's done, too!"

— via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE

God's kids say & do the funniest things

A Catholic priest in New Orleans, LA, was teaching a second-grade Holy Communion class about the Mass. After discussing the prayers before Holy Communion, the priest explained that the congregation responds, "Oh Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the world, and I will be healed."

A little boy in the class started

"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything."

— Irish proverb
via Paul Kurlowicz
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
Portage, MI



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waving his hand frantically. When the priest asked him what the problem was, the boy exclaimed, "Father, Father, what is the secret word?"

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A young boy called the pastor of a local church and asked him to come by to pray for his mother, who was very ill with the flu.

The pastor knew the family and was aware they were members of another church down the road. So the pastor asked, "Shouldn't you be asking Pastor Simon at your church to come by to pray with your mom?"

The young boy replied, "Yeah, but we didn't want to take the chance that he might catch whatever it is that Mom has."

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Bloopers that gnash the teeth

Malapropisms – words mangled by speakers – reported by author Richard Lederer:

- "I am privileged to speak at this millstone in the history of the college."
- "I don't want to cast asparagus at my opponent."
- "We have to deal seriously with this offense as a detergent to others."
- "Too many Americans lead a sedimentary life."



Little did Ms. Turlinson know that some of the eggs from the Sunday School hunt were hidden in her Easter bonnet.

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Signs and wonders

Sign outside church in Edmond, OK:
"America's hope – not in the elephant, not in the donkey, but in the Lamb."
– via Rev. Bill Park

Sign seen in Kalamazoo, MI:
"Two things to make your day better:
• Do not watch the news.
• Stay off the bathroom scale."
– via Prof. John Geisler
Kalamazoo, MI

Sign outside Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Dedham, MA:
"Thou Shalt Wear a Mask."
Hygenesis 24:7"
– via Rev. Harry Mahoney
Dedham, MA

Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz discovered that one of his golf partners had placed this bumper sticker on his golf cart:
"Jesus love you, but everyone else thinks you are an a**."

Sign outside Louisville (KY) Christian Church:
"We love hurting people."

(Howard Macy, of Newberg, OR, who submitted this blooper asked: "Where's an editor when you need one?")

Message on a T-shirt:
"Sometimes I meet people and feel bad for their dog."
– via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE

IN THE MARRY MONTH OF JUNE

The funny side of weddings and marriages

After a little boy attend his first wedding, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"
"Sixteen," the boy replied.
"How do you know that?" his cousin asked.
"Easy," the boy replied. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."
– via newsletter of
Ewart (MI) United Methodist Church

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. When they reached the altar and the waiting groom, the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand.

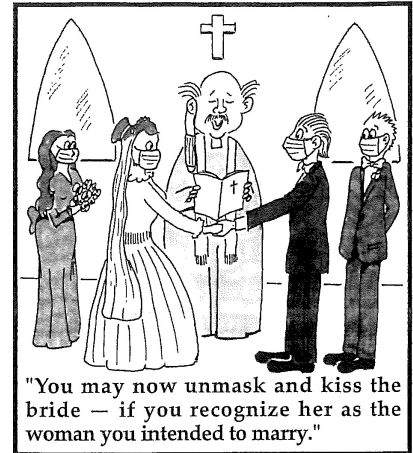
The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the pastor smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

At his wedding rehearsal dinner on the night before the wedding, the priest took the groom aside and emphatically told him, "Remember, marriage is as permanent as death!"
"That was scary for a young man," the man recalled. "I could hardly sleep the night before the wedding."
He and his wife recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.
– Columnist Smiley Anders
Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate

Newspaper typos:
"Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Hill announce the coming marriage of their daughter Helene. No mate has been selected for the wedding."
– Richard Lederer
in his book, *The Revenge of Anguished English*

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

– George Bernard Shaw
Irish playwright (1950)



"You may now unmask and kiss the bride – if you recognize her as the woman you intended to marry."

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"They were married and lived happily even after."
– Richard Lederer

Sign seen in Kalamazoo, MI:
"For those weddings postponed due to COVID-19, God is giving you a second chance to think about it."
– via Prof. John Geisler
Kalamazoo, MI

The president of the Gondola Association in Venice, Italy, announced that the maximum capacity for the romantic boats is being reduced from six persons to five because "over the last 10 years tourists weigh more." The heavier loads often mean the boats, a favorite of honeymooners, take on water, which makes it harder for the gondoliers to navigate in heavy traffic.

"Going forward with over half a ton of meat on board is dangerous," he said.
– via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE

A husband and wife went to a Catholic priest for marital counseling.

"Father, the husband began, "we came to see you because you were married before your wife died and you became a priest – and you understand women."

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"The love of money is the root of all evil? Is that the whole church financial report?"

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"If so many people get hurt in war, why do they keep playin' it?"

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PHILLIP'S FLOCK By Doc Goodwin



"I bet that Jesus's mother never made Him stand in a corner."

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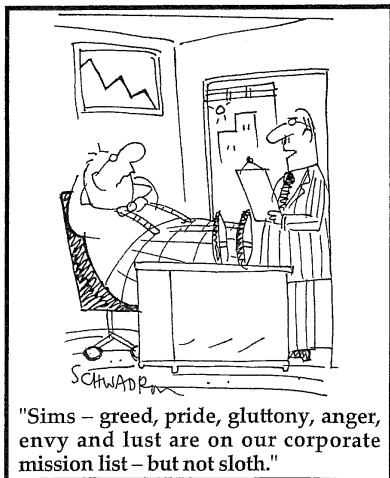
"Did Jesus make tartar sauce with the fish and loaves?"

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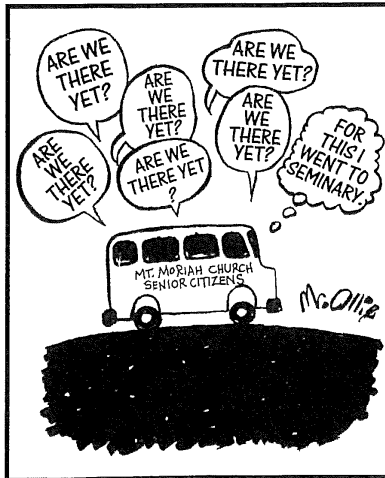
"You'll find your doggie two clouds over."

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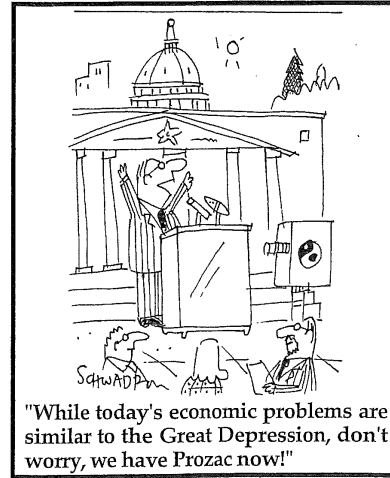


"Sims - greed, pride, gluttony, anger, envy and lust are on our corporate mission list - but not sloth."

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"While today's economic problems are similar to the Great Depression, don't worry, we have Prozac now!"

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