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prepare the way...

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS HUMOUR

(Very Little)

Both Advent and Christmas are Christian seasons of joy for the news of the Saviours birth two millennia ago and still today gives cause for the modern follower of the Lord Jesus Christ to be filled with gladness at the prospect of Eternal Life. It was always a custom in the Easter Church to tell jokes on Easter Sunday as a kind of reminder that in Christ's Resurrection from the dead is found the truth that Jesus has had the last laugh on sickness, darkness and death. I figure Christmas is also a good time for humour as an expression of our joy at the news of our salvation. So, a little Christmas humour please....

DREAMING OF DIAMONDS

On Christmas morning a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a beautiful diamond necklace. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening just before opening presents, the husband came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it only to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

ERIC'S CHRISTMAS STORY

A little boy named Eric returned from Children's Liturgy with a new perspective on the Christmas story. He had learned all about the Wise Men from the East who brought gifts to the Baby Jesus. He was so excited he could hardly wait to tell his parents.

As soon as he arrived home, he immediately began, "I learned all about the very first Christmas in Sunday school today! There wasn't a Santa Claus way back then, so these three skinny guys on camels had to deliver all the toys! And Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer with his nose so bright wasn't there yet, so they had to have this big spotlight in the sky to find their way around!"

CHRISTMAS CAKE RECIPE

Guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit.

You'll need the following: four large eggs, two cups of dried fruit, a teaspoon of baking soda, a teaspoon of salt, a cup of brown sugar, lemon juice, nuts, and a bottle or two of rum. Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. If it's good, let's get started.

Take a large bowl, and a measuring cup. Check the rum again to be sure it is the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer; beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one seapoon of thugar, and beat again. Meanwhile, make sure the rum has retained it's fine quality. Cry another tup. Open a second quart if necessary.

Turn off the mixer. Break two arge leggs, and add to the bowl, and chuck in the cup of fried druit. Mix on the turner, and beat till high. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, just pry it loose with a drewscriver. Sample the rum to check for tonsistency.

Next, sift two cups of pepper or salt. Or something. Who cares? Check the rum. Now sift the lemon juice, and strain the nuts. Fold in some chopped butter. Add one table.

Spoon. Of brown thugar or whatever color you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 gredees. Don't for get to beat off the turner. Now pour the whole mess into the coven and ake. Feed to your goat. Check the rum again, and bo to ged.

FAMILY TREE (Family Feud)

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race appear?" The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made.'

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

"OLIVE"

The game show contestant was only 200 points behind the leader and was about to answer the final question -- worth 500 points!

"To be today's champion," the show's smiling host intoned, "name two of Santa's reindeer."

The contestant, a man in his early thirties, gave a sigh of relief, gratified that he had drawn such an easy question.

"Rudolph!" he said confidently, "and ... Olive!"

The studio audience started to applaud (which the little sign above their heads said to do), but the clapping quickly faded into mumbling. The confused host replied, "Yes, we'll accept Rudolph, but could you please explain 'Olive'?"

"You know," the man circled his hand forward impatiently and began to sing,

"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer had a very shiny nose.

And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows. *Olive,* the other reindeer...

THE RED WAGON

It was the day after Christmas in Brooklin. The pastor was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures.

Immediately, he turned towards the church to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Colin with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

The priest walked up to Colin and said, "Well, Colin, where did you get the little infant?" Colin replied, "I got him from the church."

"And why did you take him?"

With a sheepish smile, Colin said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus. I told him that if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him the first ride around the block in it."

BLACKMAIL

(I think the Blessed Mother would herself get a laugh out of this story for it shows the innocence of a child who really wants something....)

Little Nathan desperately wanted a bright red wagon for Christmas. His friends were writing letters to Santa Claus, but Nathan decided to go one better.

"Dear Jesus," he wrote. "If I get a red wagon for Christmas, I won't fight with my brother Jeremy for a whole year." Then Nathan thought, Oh, no, Jeremy is such a brat, I could never, ever keep that promise. So Nathan threw away the letter and started again.

"Dear Jesus, if I get a red wagon for Christmas, I will eat all my vegetables for a year." Then Nathan thought, Oh, no, that means spinach, broccoli and asparagus. Yuck! I could never ever keep that promise.

Suddenly he had an idea. He went downstairs to the living room and from the mantel above the fireplace, he gently took down the family's statue of the Virgin Mary. Taking the statue to the kitchen he carefully wrapped it in a towel and placed it into a grocery bag. He took the bag upstairs to his room, opened the bottom drawer of his dresser and placed the package in the drawer.

He then closed the drawer, took a new sheet of paper and wrote, "Dear Jesus, if you ever want to see your mother again..."

WHY JESUS IS GREATER THAN SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus lives at the North Pole...

JESUS is everywhere.

Santa Claus rides in a sleigh...

JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa Claus comes but once a year...

JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa Claus fills your stockings with goodies...

JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa Claus comes down your chimney uninvited...

JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in line to see Santa Claus...

JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa Claus lets you sit on his lap...

JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa Claus doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy (or girl,) what's your name?"...

JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa Claus has a belly like a bowl full of jelly...

JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa Claus can offer is HO HO HO...

JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa Claus says "You better not cry"...

JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys...

JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa Claus is a "jolly old elf"...

JESUS is the King of Kings.

Santa Claus may make you chuckle but...

JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa Claus puts gifts under your tree...

JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Sat, Dec 30 | 4:30 p.m. | Vincenzina Mammone & Attilio & Maria Tuzi + |
| Sun, Dec 31 | 9:00 a.m. | Delia Marquez + |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Ints of Enriquez & Manapul Families |
| Sat, Jan 6 | 4:30 p.m. | Mario Orlandi + |
| Sun, Jan 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Cristofero Zenarosa + |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Barbara Waugh + |

No Weekday Masses during the week after Christmas

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2018 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the vestibule. **Please do not use 2018 envelopes until the New Year.** Please write your name and address on envelopes for the first few weeks of 2018 to confirm your contact information.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

This time of year when we enter into a new Liturgical calendar year as well as the coming of the secular new year on January 1st, is a good time for the members of our parish who use Pre Authorized Giving (PAG) to consider annually what they are able to contribute to the Lord through the Church in our parish. While every day of our lives is offered opportunity to show our gratitude to the Lord for our faith and blessings, now is a blessed time to express our commitment to the Lord in the support of His Church. If you wish to change your amount of giving through PAG, simply email the office at office@stleothegreat.ca with your new increased amount.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed between December 26th and January 5th inclusive.

VOCATION SEEDS

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto** at **416-968-0997** or email at vocations@archtoronto.org



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