

**BENEDICTION EVERY
TUESDAY MORNING AT 11:00 A.M.**



Dates To Remember

Sunday, July 8
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday, July 9
7:00 p.m. Bible/Faith Study –
Religious Ed. Building

Tuesday, July 10
6:00 p.m. No Choir

Saturday, July 14
9:00 a.m. Rosary –
Religious Ed. Building

Sunday, July 15
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Happy Birthday

- July 12 Theresa Shackelford
- July 14 Eileen Corwin
- July 15 Debbie Kennedy

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Ladies Auxillary: It's that time of year when the Ladies Auxillary has the wagon in the back of church to collect nonperishable food products for the "Greenie Towne Festival" the weekend of July 20, 21, and 22. The Ladies Auxillary will raffle off the wagon full of groceries at the Festival. Tickets will be available to purchase after Mass. Sign-up sheet to work at the Festival is in the back of Church. Please help support your church. We will be adding new things to the booth this year. Have fun and make new friends.



LAUGHTER IS GOOD

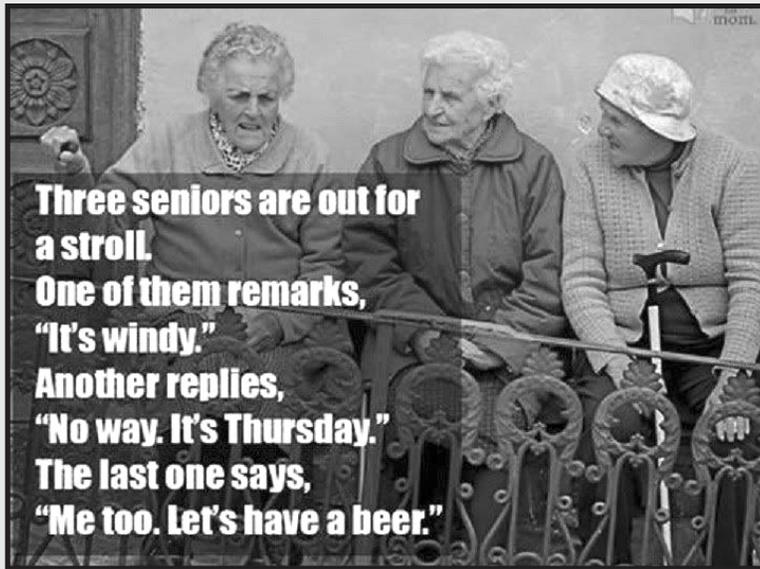
Picked up a hitchhiker the other night and he asked me, "How did you know I was not a serial killer?"

I replied,
"The chances of two serial killers in the same car are astronomical."

Little Emily was at her first wedding and was amazed at the entire ceremony. When it was over, she asked her mother, "Why did the lady change her mind?"

Her mother asked,
"What do you mean?"

"Well, she went down the aisle with one man and came back with another one."



Three seniors are out for a stroll.
 One of them remarks, "It's windy."
 Another replies, "No way. It's Thursday."
 The last one says, "Me too. Let's have a beer."



GOING TO SPANK ME?

GOOD LUCK



WHEN I WAS LITTLE MY PARENTS TOLD ME THAT THE ICE CREAM TRUCK WAS THE "MUSIC" TRUCK
 AND IT JUST DROVE AROUND PLAYING MUSIC, I BELIEVED THEM



Food Chain

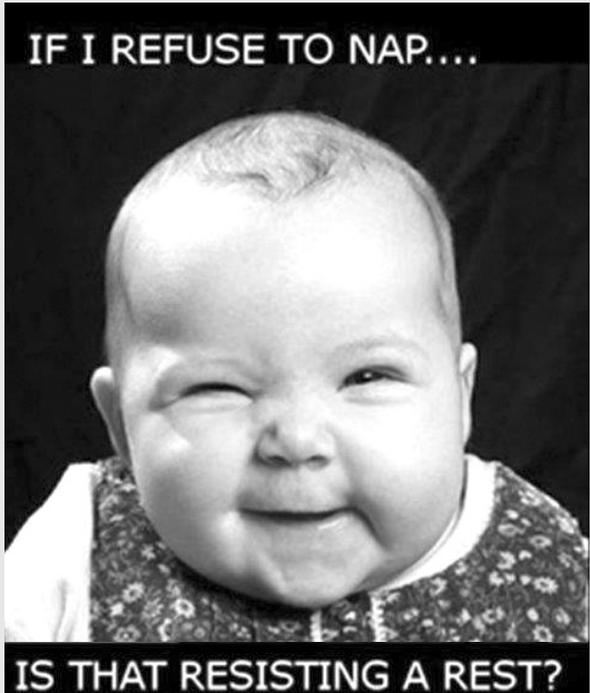
is just waiting for someone to pull it



FLAT TIRE IN CANADA



MEANWHILE IN AMERICA



IF I REFUSE TO NAP...

IS THAT RESISTING A REST?

SERMON FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

This is a story about ingratitude narrated by Winston Churchill. A little boy was playing on a pier. All of a sudden he fell off the pier into the water. He did not know how to swim and was in serious danger of drowning. A very kind-hearted young soldier saw this, and he immediately jumped off the pier and swam towards the little boy. He put the boy on his shoulders and brought him back up to the pier quite safely. This young man saved the boy's life.

The boy had been playing with other little boys, but his parents were nowhere to be found. The soldier drove the child to his parents' home and left the boy there. The young man did not even think of receiving any reward. He was a very kind-hearted person, and he was extremely happy that he was able to save the life of this little boy.

A few days later, the boy's parents came to look for the soldier. Everybody was helping them look for him, because they thought that the parents had come to reward him for saving their child. Finally they found the soldier working at the pier. The parents approached the young man. He immediately said, "I do not need any reward. I am so happy that I was able to save your child's life. That is my greatest reward. You do not have to give me anything."

The father and mother said, "No! We have not come here to give you anything. We have come to ask you for our son's hat. Where is it?" The young man was amazed. He said, "I tried to save your son's life and I did save his life. Now you are asking me for his hat?"

"Yes," replied the parents.

How powerful ingratitude can be! The young man had saved the life of the parent's only child, and they were asking for his hat! Instead of giving the soldier a reward or even a simple 'Thank you,' they were asking for the boy's hat!

They demanded, "What did you do with our son's hat? We want to know where the hat is!"

This is the height of ingratitude.

Today Jesus is amazed. He had done so many miracles. He made the blind see, the crippled walk, the deaf hear, the mute speak, lepers cleansed and even rose dead people to life. Yet His own kin and townsfolk would not believe. They took offense at Jesus. Who does He think He is?

It's easy to sit in the pew today and judge those people in Nazareth. But do we not do something far worse? Jesus left a cushy place in Heaven and came down to earth. He did so many loving things here. His greatest act of love was to save us by offering up His own life. We beat, whipped, scourged, stabbed, and suffocated Him. He willingly died for you. He sacrificed His life for your life. He paid the price your sins deserved – death.

After all this kindness, God asks only one thing – follow My commandments: Love Me. Love one another. How often we fail to do that. In spite of all the good that God has done for me I still fail to return the gratitude that He deserves. That is sin. *The root of all sin is ingratitude to God.* Sin is snubbing my nose to God. Instead of using my life to thank Him, I live to please myself, like the parents who demanded the hat. When I sin it's like telling God, "I don't care that you saved my life, I just want my darn hat!"

Abraham Lincoln wrote, "We have been the recipients of the choicest blessings of heaven... but we have forgotten God!" The next time you are tempted to sin, remember God's kindness to you...and forget the hat.