A Short, Short-Story

Time: Monday A.M.

Sam: "Hey, Joe, come on to Mass. It's Lent."
Joe: "Go away. Call me tomorrow."

Tuesday A.M.

Sam: "Joe, aren't you coming to Mass today, like you promised?"
Joe: "How about tomorrow? I still have the week-end in my bones."

Wednesday A.M.

Sam: "This is the day, Joe. Get up!"
Joe: "Okey. I'll see you in a minute."

Thursday A.M.

Sam: "Joe, you're a bum. You missed Mass yesterday too."
Joe: "Ya, I'm a bum. But wake me up tomorrow for sure."

Friday A.M. (Note: Joe dies during the night and is met in Eternity by St. Peter.)

St. Peter: "So you're the Joe I've heard about?"
Joe: "Hello, Peter! It sure was a short Lent."

St. Peter: "Yes, short but not sweet. Here's your luggage. You've got a fifty year stretch to do in Purgatory for your sins. Too bad you did not go to those four Masses this week. They would have balanced your debts."

Joe: "You can't do this to me. Why didn't you warn a guy?"
St. Peter: "What do you think Sam was doing?"

Moral: "Unless you do penance, you shall likewise......"

The Effect of a Lie

When Gifford Pinchot was Governor of Pennsylvania, he sent his black retriever to the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia to live with the inmates. "My idea was that it would be a fine thing for the prisoners to have a dog to play with, and I was right. The dog became a great favorite of the convicts." So spoke the Governor.

"The story has an interesting sequel. Some newspaperman, drawing strictly and solely on his imagination, wrote a story to the effect that the dog had been condemned to prison because he had killed a cat. That wretched tale went, literally, all over the world. I got letters from every quarter of the globe, denouncing my inhuman cruelty in condemning the poor beast to imprisonment merely because he had followed his instinct! Denials were useless. The letters, mostly from women, kept coming through the rest of my term. I have never seen a better illustration of the impossibility of catching up with a lie--harmless as this lie was intended to be!"

PRAYERS: (dying) father-in-law of William Greeley (Vetville). Two Special Intentions.

Late Masses: 7:20 A.M. (Dillon and Cavanaugh); 8:00 A.M. (Basement Chapel)

Holy Communion: In Dillon Chapel all morning: in Cavanaugh until 9:30.