

Aristotle's *Organon* is a collection of six works on logic and reasoning. And while it may sound like a dry philosophical work, the errors in logic which are so often part of anyone's thinking process are actually the twists of thought that make jokes funny.

Aristotle posited that every error of logic could be seen as a form of what he called *ignorantio elenchi*, which can be summarized as "missing the point."

In today's readings, we hear of the sinfulness that spread throughout humanity prior to the flood. People missed the point on the freedom they were given.

And in the Gospel the disciples totally miss the point of what Jesus is saying. Our Lord's admonition:

*Watch out,
guard against the leaven of the Pharisees
and the leaven of Herod.*

has nothing to do with bread. Yet because the disciples were so preoccupied with their meager food supplies – they only had one loaf of bread between them – they assume Jesus is talking about bread.

Our own logical fallacies lead us to assume that any discussion of sin is obviously about someone else, and the rewards of heaven are for us and us alone.

This sort of "making God in our own image" is a logical fallacy that leads to more sin and sinfulness in the world.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us pray for a deeper insight into our own condition as we commence Lent tomorrow. May we drop – not only our sin – but also our tendencies to miss the point.

May we, through our Lenten practices, grow in grace and especially in the supernatural graces of Faith, Hope, and Love.