

## FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 17

Ages 3-8

1. This week's Gospel reading comes from the Gospel of Luke (11:1-13.) In it, Jesus teaches us to pray a very specific prayer. **Do you know what that prayer is?** Jesus teaches us to pray the Our Father! **Do you know the prayer? Can you pray it now?**

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Jesus says "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Jesus wants us to pray constantly and always to ask Him for the prayers that we need!

2. **How do we know when Mass has started?** We know that Mass is beginning when the bells ring, everyone stands up, and the music begins. At that time, the priest(s) and altar servers walk from the back of the church to the altar. **What are the special clothes that the priest wears?** They are called vestments. Depending on the time of year, he might wear a different color! He only wears his vestments during Mass- which is to show how incredibly special the celebration of the Mass is!
3. **What is the Fifth Commandment?** The Fifth Commandment says "you shall not kill." Life is incredibly precious, and our lives belong to God! This also means not hating anyone or treating them in an unloving way. God says to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31) We only want to treat others with kindness and respect. This is what it means to love one another.
4. **This week we celebrate the feast days of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne. Do you know whose parents these special saints are?** They are actually our Blessed Mother, Mary's, parents! Joachim and Anne raised their daughter, Mary, to fiercely love the Lord! It was with their help and guidance as parents that Mary said "yes" to carrying Jesus in her womb. Saints Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of grandparents. Their feast day is celebrated on July 26th. On this feast day, consider asking them for prayers for your grandparents!

5. In this Sunday's gospel reading, Luke reveals the virtue of **patience**. **What is patience?** We show patience when we are able to stay calm when things take longer than expected. Luke tells us that Jesus already knows what we need but that we must **persevere through prayer**. Jesus's words describe how everyone (including children!) should use prayer to seek what God has planned. Along with the many prayers Jesus taught us and the devotions we share to the Blessed Mother and many Saints, we can offer up intentions to God. Luke reminds us that these intentions will be answered and that patience through prayer is the best way to communicate with God. A child will not always get what they want when they ask their parents - but they certainly will not go unheard when they ask! **Do you think there are any times when you could be more patient?**