

## FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 14

Ages 8+

1. **Have you heard of the Angelus prayer?** The Angelus prayer is a daily devotion remembering the Annunciation. It is a short prayer that was traditionally prayed at 6 am, noon and dusk when the church bells rang. Calling to mind Jesus' Incarnation re-dedicates our day to God. We pray to be able to echo Mary's "yes" to things the God is calling to us this very day. Family Challenge! Try praying the Angelus at noon together as a family.

### ***The Angelus Prayer***

*V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.*

*R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace,*

*The Lord is with Thee;*

*Blessed art thou among women,*

*And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*Pray for us sinners,*

*Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

*V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*

*R. Be it done to me according to thy word.*

*Hail Mary. . .*

*V. And the Word was made flesh.*

*R. And dwelt among us.*

*Hail Mary. . .*

*V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

2. **What does Our Lord do in this Sunday's Gospel?** In Luke 10:1-12, Jesus is sending our disciples to all the towns that He planned to visit. **What kind of instructions does Jesus give them?** Jesus tells the disciples to leave their belongings (money, bags and shoes) behind. **What does He want them to do?** He wants them to be like lambs among wolves, to bring peace to the households where they stay, to cure the sick and to tell the townspeople "The kingdom of God is at hand for you." The disciples were to bring the news of Christ and Eternal Life to all who had not heard. Curing the sick was a way to show that in Heaven, there is no illness! **Did you know we are also sent out like the disciples?** We are also able to

bring peace to those we encounter, to share the news of Jesus and to cure the hurt and sadness of the world with loving actions.

3. **Who was St. Maria Goretti?** Maria Goretti was a young Italian girl who was attacked by a neighbor boy. While the boy, Alessandro, was trying to harm her she encouraged him to think about what he was doing and to stop. She was truly concerned with his soul. Although his attack killed her after only two days, she had forgiven him completely. **Guess what happened to Alessandro?!** After Maria's incredible example of faith, purity and forgiveness he completely changed his life. He was convinced Maria was praying for him from Heaven. **When do we remember St. Maria Goretti?** Her feast day is July 6th. **What is St. Maria Goretti the patron saint of?** She is the patron saint of purity and protector of Catholic youth. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!
  
4. **Catechism- What does "communion of saints" mean in the Apostles Creed prayer?** The word communion means a type of sharing. Saints refer to the faithful on earth (that is you and me!), those in Heaven and the souls in purgatory all combined. **What does the word saints mean?** Saints mean holy ones. The catholic church recognizes specific saints that you have heard the names of but since baptism is the beginning of holiness, the word saints can apply to us too! (Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 13)
  
5. **Apologetics- How would you respond to the question: Are you born again?** Catholics can confidently answer: Yes! We were born anew at our baptism! In John 3:5 Jesus explains that baptism is the way to be born again. "Unless one is born again of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Baptism is the way to become part of God's family.

**REVIEW QUESTION: What is Purgatory?** "Purgatory is the place of temporary punishment where the souls of those who die in the state of grace must be cleansed before entrance into Heaven." (Baltimore Catechism)

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