

FAITH IN 5

Ordinary Time: Week 16

Ages 8+

1. **Have you learned the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer?** It goes like this: *Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Why are we asking for St. Michael's intercession?* St. Michael's special role in Heaven is to defend against the devil and protect the Church. **Who wrote this prayer?** Pope Leo XIII wrote this in 1886 and added to the prayers to be said after a low Latin mass. Many parishes still say it after mass today!
2. **Who are the two women we meet in this Sunday's gospel?** We meet sisters, Martha and Mary. **How did they do things differently when Jesus entered their village?** Luke 10:38-42 describes Martha welcoming Jesus and serving him to the point of being worn out! Mary decided to sit near Jesus and listen to everything he said. **How did Jesus respond when Martha complained to Jesus for Mary's help in serving?** Jesus recognized Martha's worries and anxieties. He also explained that Mary has chosen the thing to do that truly matters. Many of us read this gospel and feel badly for Martha who is working so hard! Unfortunately, Martha allowed her duties and worries to distract her from The One who takes all worries away. When we are tempted to scurry around from task to task in order to quiet our worries, let's remember this story and stop and rest at the feet of Jesus.
3. **Who is St. Mary Magdalene?** St. Mary Magdalene is a woman that Jesus healed in the bible and then she became one of His most devoted followers. **Where do we read about her in the Bible?** She was at Jesus' crucifixion and his resurrection (Luke 20:1-2, 11-18). The gospel of Luke also tells us that she traveled with Jesus and helped Him in his ministry (Luke 8:1-3). **What is Mary Magdalene the patron saint of?** She is the patron saint of converts, contemplatives, hairstylists and perfume makers! **When do we celebrate St. Mary Magdalene?** Her feast day is on Friday July 22.
4. **Catechism- Do you know what the two greatest commandments are?** The first is to love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. The second commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. At the end of our life we will appear before Jesus, our Savior, King & Judge. **We are judged on everything we have ever done....guess how He does it?!** "He will look in our hearts to find one thing-love. Test your love of God by your love for others. Are you kind in speech and action, helpful, generous, forgiving, even to those you don't like?" (Baltimore

Catechism, Lesson 15) **What is another example of how to live out the two greatest commandments?** In Matthew 25, the King (Jesus!) says "Come Blessed of My Father...for I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat;...thirsty and you gave Me something to drink;...a stranger and you took Me in; naked and you covered me, sick and you visited Me;...in prison and you came to Me...As long as you did it for one of these, the least of My brethren, you did it for Me."

5. **Apologetics- Do Catholics worship Mary?** No. To worship Mary would be a sin against the Ten Commandments. Worship is for God alone. **So what do we do with Mary?** Catholic honor Mary! We honor her with prayer and songs! Another word for honor is venerate. Some people may mistake that for worship, but it is not. The mass is our worship and that is for God.

REVIEW QUESTION: What is the brown scapular? It is a sacramental, a religious object made of two pieces of brown wool connected with a strap and worn over the head- one piece of cloth on your chest and the other on your back. It is a symbol of devotion to the Blessed Virgin and holds the promise of final perseverance. That means the person wearing it will have the grace of remaining steadfast in faith even in their final moments of their life.

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